

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 834
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 8th December 2025
CURRENT STATUS OF UDAN SCHEME

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:-

- (a) details of all regional connectivity routes awarded under UDAN till 31st October, 2025, State/UT-wise;
- (b) details of all regional connectivity routes currently fully operational under UDAN, State/UT-wise;
- (c) details of the number of UDAN routes closed prematurely along with the reasons for closure, State/UT-wise;
- (d) the number of airports developed under UDAN that have no regular flights at present; and
- (e) the steps taken to address these gaps and improve the viability of UDAN routes?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a) to (c): A state wise list of awarded, operationalised and discontinued routes under Regional Connectivity Scheme - Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik (RCS-UDAN) is placed at Annexure.

Key reasons for discontinuation of routes before 3-years tenure include disruption caused by COVID-19 pandemic, aircraft shortage, supply chain issues, aircraft maintenance, airport/runway maintenance, low passenger demand on some routes, etc.

(d) & (e): As on date, fourteen Airports are non-operational under the UDAN Scheme due to factors such as completion of the three-year concession period, poor visibility conditions, daytime runway restrictions at VFR-only airports,

shortage of aircraft, leasing issues, temporary discontinuation by airlines, novation of routes, and low passenger load factors.

In order to ensure uninterrupted flight operations on these routes, the government provides viability gap funding (VGF) to airlines, supports the upgrading of regional airports, and encourages operational flexibility. Further, routes that were discontinued in the past rounds are also rebid, awarded and operationalised in subsequent rounds. Moreover, steps such as increased adoption of technologies like Special Visual Flight Rules and Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) standards at feasible airports for all-weather operations have also been taken.

ANNEXURE**Details of State-Wise Awarded, Operationalised and Discontinued Routes under RCS-UDAN**

	State/UT	No. of Awarded Routes	No. of Operationalised Routes	No. of routes discontinued before 3 years
1	Andaman & Nicobar Island	6	0	0
2	Andhra Pradesh	19	18	3
3	Arunachal Pradesh	16	10	3
4	Assam	59	36	12
5	Bihar	12	10	3
6	Chandigarh	6	3	0
7	Chhattisgarh	14	13	2
8	Dadar & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	11	5	0
9	Delhi	22	19	2
10	Goa	11	7	0
11	Gujarat	57	44	9
12	Haryana	4	3	2
13	Himachal Pradesh	47	23	4
14	Jammu & Kashmir	4	2	1
15	Jharkhand	12	5	3
16	Karnataka	71	66	11
17	Kerala	15	12	0
18	Ladakh	0	0	0
19	Lakshadweep	18	1	0
20	Madhya Pradesh	28	27	4
21	Maharashtra	75	65	4
22	Manipur	24	13	1
23	Meghalaya	11	9	1
24	Mizoram	11	2	0
25	Nagaland	17	4	0
26	Odisha	23	18	3
27	Puducherry	1	1	0
28	Punjab	21	17	5
29	Rajasthan	37	31	7
30	Sikkim	6	3	1

31	Tamil Nadu	24	14	1
32	Telangana	30	29	2
33	Tripura	7	3	0
34	Uttar Pradesh	96	57	20
35	Uttarakhand	81	60	16
36	West Bengal	27	21	3
Total		923	651	123