

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 9
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 1st December 2025)**

**EXPANSION AND EXECUTION OF REGIONAL AIR CONNECTIVITY
UNDER UDAN SCHEME**

9. **SHRI PRADIP KUMAR VARMA**

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

- (a) number of new routes and new airports operationalised across the country since the launch of the UDAN scheme;
- (b) number of routes out of them that were in "under-served" or "unserved" regions, along with the number of such routes that are yet to become operational;
- (c) number of routes set up under the scheme in the State of Jharkhand and the Districts/airports for which routes are proposed to be set up; and
- (d) whether Government has carried out any assessment of the cost-benefit aspects and timeline adherence of the scheme, if so, the key findings thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

- (a) & (b): Since the commencement of Regional Connectivity Scheme-Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik (RCS-UDAN) 651 routes have been operationalised, connecting 93 (73 unserved and 20 underserved) airports including 15 heliports and 2 water aerodromes across the country.
- (c): Under the RCS-UDAN, six (06) airports namely, Bokaro, Dumka, Jamshedpur, Hazaribagh, Deoghar and Daltonganj have been identified for development and operation of RCS flights & 20 valid RCS routes awarded out of which 08 are operationalised in the State of Jharkhand. Two airports namely, Jamshedpur & Deoghar have already been operationalised.
- (d): The following studies have been conducted on the RCS-UDAN Scheme that also cover cost-benefit aspects and timeline adherence.
 - i. The report "The Regional Connectivity Scheme UDAN - Progress and Prospects" by the Indian School of Business (ISB), (2021-22)
 - ii. The mid-term appraisal for the Scheme "Evaluation Study of Regional Connectivity Scheme" by DMEO NITI Aayog (2023-24).
