

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
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UDAN SCHEME

3369. **SHRI LAHAR SINGH SIROYA**

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

- (a) whether Government has significantly expanded regional air connectivity under the UDAN scheme and strengthened airport infrastructure across the country during 2025-26;
- (b) the number of operational airports, new air routes and aviation infrastructure projects undertaken in the State of Karnataka; and
- (c) the impact of these initiatives on tourism growth, business connectivity and regional economic development in the State and across India?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION (Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a): Under the Regional Connectivity Scheme - Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik (RCS-UDAN), as on 28.02.2026, 663 routes connecting 95 unserved and underserved airports (including 17 heliports and 02 water aerodromes) have been developed and operationalised. During 2025-26, 3 airports, 02 heliports and 38 routes have been operationalised across the country.

(b): In the State of Karnataka, 7 airports, namely Bidar, Mysuru, Vidyanagar, Hubballi, Kalaburagi, Belagavi and Shivamogga, have been developed under the UDAN scheme, with 118 RCS routes operationalised. Further, the aviation infrastructure projects undertaken in the State are as follows:

- 1) At Hubballi Airport, construction of a new domestic terminal building along with extension and reconfiguration of apron bays for Code "C" type aircraft, including allied infrastructure, is being undertaken.
- 2) At Belagavi Airport, construction of a new domestic terminal building along with extension and reconfiguration of apron bays for Code "C" type aircraft, including allied infrastructure, is being undertaken.

(c): The UDAN scheme has had a significant and positive impact on tourism, business connectivity, and regional economic development, enhancing access to healthcare and generating direct and indirect employment. The Government has further announced the Modified UDAN Scheme to expand regional connectivity to 120 new destinations, including the Southern Region, targeting 4 crore passengers over the next 10 years.
