

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 988
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 9th February 2026
PERFORMANCE OF UDAN SCHEME

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

- (a) whether UDAN scheme is being implented under various phases since last five years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of fund allocated, released and utilized for providing subsidy to airliners under UDAN scheme since inception till date, year-wise;
- (c) the details of airports connected under UDAN scheme, so far, State-wise and yearwise;
- (d) the number of airports under UDAN scheme which face lack of flights or temporary closure due to low passenger demand, State-wise; and
- (e) the details of expenses on maintenance and security of these airports?

ANSWER

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

(a) and (b): Under the Regional Connectivity Scheme-Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik (RCS-UDAN) Scheme, 14 rounds of bidding have been conducted under five versions of the Scheme. The year-wise details of Viability Gap Funding (VGF) disbursed to the airlines since the inception of UDAN scheme is at Annexure-A.

(c) and (d): As on 20.01.2026, 93 unserved and underserved airports (including 15 heliports and 02 water aerodromes) have been operationalized across the country. The details are at Annexure-B.

Currently, 15 (fifteen) airports are non operational under the UDAN Scheme due to factors such as poor visibility conditions, restriction of operations to daytime at VFR-only airports, shortage of aircraft, leasing issues, temporary discontinuation by airlines, novation of routes and low passenger load factors.

(e): There is no provision under the UDAN Scheme for maintenance and security of non-operational airports. The same is the responsibility of the airport operator.

Annexure-A

Year-wise details of VGF disbursed to the airlines since inception of UDAN scheme		
S No.	Period	VGF Disbursed to Airlines (Rs. in Cr.)
1	2017-18	42.35
2	2018-19	138.08
3	2019-20	681.28
4	2020-21	325.60
5	2021-22	625.94
6	2022-23	798.34
7	2023-24	807.02
8	2024-25	628.42
9	2025-26 (Provisional)	447.13
Total		4,494.16

List of 93 RCS Airports operationalized

S No.	State	Airport	Date of Operationalization
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Kadapa (Underserved)	27-April-2017
2.		Kurnool (Unserved)	28-march 2021
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	Tezu (Unserved)	15-Aug-2021
4.		Passighat (Unserved)	24-May 2021
5.		Hollongi (Unserved)	15-Jan-2023
6.	Assam	Jorhat (Underserved)	1-Aug-2018
7.		Lilabari (Underserved)	15-Jan-2019
8.		Tezpur (Underserved)	26-April-2018
9.		Rupsi (Unserved)	8-May 2021
10.	Bihar	Darbhanga (Unserved)	08-Nov-2020
11.		Purnea (Unserved)	15-Sept-2025
12.	Chhattisgarh	Jagdapur (Unserved)	14-June-2018
13.		Bilaspur (Unserved)	1-March-2021
14.		Ambikapur (Unserved)	19-Dec-2024
15.	Daman & Diu	Diu (Underserved)	24-Feb-2018
16.	Gujarat	Bhavnagar (Underserved)	1-May-2018
17.		Jamnagar (Underserved)	17-Feb-2018
18.		Kandla (Unserved)	1-July-2017
19.		Keshod (Unserved)	16-Apr-2022
20.		Mundra (Unserved)	17-Feb-2018
21.		Porbandar (Underserved)	10-July-2017
22.		Statue of Unity (W) (Unserved)	31-Oct-2020
23.		Sabarmati River Front (W) (Unserved)	31-Oct-2020
24.	Haryana	Hissar (Unserved)	14-Jan-2021
25.	Himachal Pradesh	Shimla (Unserved)	27-April-2017
26.		Kullu (Underserved)	13-May-2019
27.		Mandi – Heliport (Unserved)	09-Dec-2021
28.		Rampur – Heliport (Unserved)	14-Dec-2021
29.	Jharkhand	Deoghar (Unserved)	12-July-2022
30.		Jamshedpur (Unserved)	31-Jan-2023
31.	Karnataka	Belgaum (Underserved)	1-May-2019
32.		Hubli (Underserved)	14-May-2018
33.		Mysore (Unserved)	2-Sep-2017
34.		Vidyanagar (Unserved)	21-Sep-2017
35.		Kalaburgi (Gulbarga) (Unserved)	22-Nov-2019
36.		Bidar (Unserved)	07-Feb-2020
37.		Shivamogga (Unserved)	21-Nov-2023
38.	Kerala	Kannur (Unserved)	25-Jan-2019

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39.	Lakshadweep	Agatti (Underserved)	18-April-2024	
40.	Madhya Pradesh	Gwalior (Underserved)	31-May-2017	
41.		Rewa (Unserved)	25-Nov-2024	
42.		Datia (Unserved)	31-May-2025	
43.		Maharashtra	Gondia (Unserved)	13-March-2022
44.		Jalgaon (Unserved)	23-Dec-2017	
45.		Kolhapur (Unserved)	8-April-2018	
46.		Nanded (Unserved)	27-April-2017	
47.		Ozar (Nasik) (Unserved)	23-Dec-2017	
48.		Sindhudurg (Unserved)	9-October -2021	
49.		Amravati (Unserved)	16-April-2025	
50.	Manipur	Jiribam Heliport (Unserved)	13.03.2024	
51.		Tamenglong Heliport (Unserved)	13.03.2024	
52.	Meghalaya	Shillong (Underserved)	26-April-2018	
53.	Nagaland	Dimapur (Underserved)	07-Dec-2019	
54.	Odisha	Jharsuguda (Unserved)	22-Sep-2018	
55.		Jeypore (Unserved)	03-Aug-2022	
56.		Rourkela (Unserved)	07-Jan-2023	
57.		Utkela (Unserved)	31-Aug-2023	
58.		Pondicherry (UT)	Pondicherry (Underserved)	16-Aug-2017
59.	Punjab	Adampur (Unserved)	1-May-2018	
60.		Bhatinda (Unserved)	27-April-2017	
61.		Ludhiana (Unserved)	2-Sep-2017	
62.		Pathankot (Unserved)	5-April-2018	
63.		Rajasthan	Bikaner (Unserved)	26-Sep-2017
64.		Jaisalmer (Unserved)	29-Oct-2017	
65.		Kishangarh (Unserved)	8-Oct-2018	
66.	Sikkim	Pakyong (Unserved)	4-Oct-2018	
67.	Tamil Nadu	Salem (Unserved)	25-Mar-2018	
68.	Uttar Pradesh	Agra (Underserved)	8-Dec-2017	
69.		Aligarh (Unserved)	11-March-2024	
70.		Azamgarh (Unserved)	11-March-2024	
71.		Bareilly (Unserved)	08-Mar-2021	
72.		Chitrakoot (Unserved)	12-March-2024	
73.		Moradabad (Unserved)	10-August-2024	
74.		Prayagraj (Underserved)	14-June-2018	
75.		Kanpur (Chakeri) (Unserved)	3-July-2018	
76.		Hindon (Unserved)	11-Oct-2019	
77.		Shravasti (Unserved)	12-March-2024	
78.		Kushinagar (Unserved)	26-Nov-2021	
79.		Uttarakhand	Pantnagar (Underserved)	4-Jan-2019
80.			Pithoragarh (Unserved)	17-Jan-2019
81.			Sahastradhara - Heliport (Unserved)	08-Feb-2020
82.			Chinyalisaur – Heliport (Unserved)	08-Feb-2020

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83.		Gaucher – Heliport (Unservd)	08-Feb-2020
84.		New Tehri – Heliport (Unservd)	29-July-2020
85.		Srinagar – Heliport (Unservd)	29-July-2020
86.		Haldwani – Heliport (Unservd)	8-Oct-2021
87.		Almora – Heliport (Unservd)	26-Aug-2022
88.		Champawat – Heliport (Unservd)	22-Feb-2024
89.		Munshyari – Heliport (Unservd)	22-Feb-2024
90.		Nainital – Heliport (Unservd)	12-Mar-2025
91.		Bageshwar – Heliport (Unservd)	12-Mar-2025
92.	West Bengal	Cooch Behar (Unservd)	21-Feb-2023
93.		Durgapur (Underserved)	25-June-2019