

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO. : 90**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 27th July 2026

**STATUS AND EXPANSION OF HELIPORTS IN HIMACHAL PRADESH**

90. SHRI HARSH MAHAJAN

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of the limited heliport infrastructure currently available in the hill State of Himachal Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the number of operational heliports in the State along with their location-wise details;
- (c) whether Government proposes to construct new heliports in the State of Himachal Pradesh and if so, the location-wise details, present status and timeline thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by Government to expand heliport infrastructure in the State, including the funds allocated and released, as well as those earmarked for the future, year-wise?

ANSWER

Minister of CIVIL AVIATION (Shri Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (D) IN RESPECT OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 90 FOR REPLY ON 27.07.2026 REGARDING "STATUS AND EXPANSION OF HELIPORTS IN HIMACHAL PRADESH' ASKED BY SHRI HARSH MAHAJAN.

(a) & (b): Under the UDAN Scheme, helicopter operations have commenced from 4 locations, namely Rampur, Mandi, Reckong Peo and Sanjoli in Himachal Pradesh.

(c) & (d): An amount of Rs. 51.11 crore has been sanctioned for development of heliport infrastructure in Himachal Pradesh, against which an expenditure of Rs. 37.31 crore has been incurred so far under UDAN.

Further, the next phase of the UDAN Scheme, launched on 04.07.2026, is being implemented from FY 2026-27 to FY 2035-36, which includes Rs. 3,661 crore for development of 200 heliports in Hilly, North-Eastern and Aspirational (HINER) States/districts.

The modified UDAN scheme introduces a Challenge Mode framework under which the State Government of Himachal Pradesh may identify and nominate suitable locations for development of heliport infrastructure and helicopter services, subject to operational feasibility and availability of suitable sites.

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