

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
**RAJYA SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1606**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 3rd August 2026

**IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MODIFIED UDAN SCHEME**

1606. SMT JEBI MATHER HISHAM

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

- (a) the State-wise and route-wise roadmap finalised for the modified UDAN Scheme (2026-27 to 2035-36) and whether it has been shared with the State Governments;
- (b) the State/UT-wise number of airports, helipads and water aerodromes finalised to be set up under the scheme as on date;
- (c) the criteria adopted for selecting the airports, helipads and water aerodromes to be developed;
- (d) the head-wise fund disbursement schedule for 2026-27 out of the 28,840 crore outlay; and
- (e) the amount actually released so far under each head, State/UT-wise and the status of any State's request for the advance release of funds?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (e): The next phase of the UDAN Scheme was launched on 04.07.2026 to promote regional air connectivity in Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities and remote regions across the country, targeting 120 new destinations and 4 crore passengers over the next 10 years. The Scheme is being implemented from FY 2026-27 to FY 2035-36 with an outlay of Rs. 28,840 crore, including Rs. 12,159 crore for Aerodrome development and Rs. 3,661 crore for development of 200 heliports in Hilly, North-Eastern and Aspirational States/districts.

The Scheme provides a Challenge Mode framework under which State Governments may nominate aerodromes and helipads for development. Proposals are evaluated based on availability of encumbrance-free land, infrastructure readiness, technical and operational feasibility, traffic potential, statutory clearances and support of the State Governments.

The scheme document has been shared with all the States/UTs. Further, a national level workshop involving all State Governments and other stakeholders was held in New Delhi on 16.07.2026.

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