

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1613
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 3rd August 2026

**GROWTH OF DOMESTIC AIR PASSENGER TRAFFIC AND FUTURE
CAPACITY REQUIREMENTS**

1613. SHRI NARAIN DASS GUPTA

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

- (a) the details of airports developed under the UDAN Scheme during the last five years;
- (b) whether Government has assessed the growth of domestic air passenger traffic and future capacity requirements;
- (c) the details of investments made in airport infrastructure during the last five years; and
- (d) the measures taken to improve regional air connectivity in remote and underserved areas?

ANSWER

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

(a): The details of aerodromes developed and operationalised under the UDAN Scheme during the last five years are at Annexure.

(b): The Government assesses the growth of domestic air passenger traffic and future capacity requirements for planning airport infrastructure development. Expansion, modernisation and development of airport infrastructure is a continuous process, which is undertaken by the Airports Authority of India (AAI) and other airport operators/developers based on passenger demand forecasts, commercial feasibility, operational requirements for safety of aircraft operations and demand from airlines. Development works are taken up in a phased manner depending upon availability of land and viability.

(c): Since inception of the UDAN Scheme, a total expenditure of Rs. 4,839.48 crore has been incurred for revival/development of airports.

(d): As on 10.07.2026, a total of 679 RCS routes connecting 95 unserved and underserved airports, including 17 heliports and 02 water aerodromes, have been operationalised across the country under the UDAN Scheme. 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.

Annexure

Details of aerodromes operationalised under the UDAN Scheme during the last five years

Financial Year	Aerodrome / Heliport	Date of Operationalisation
2021-22	Rupsi	08.05.2021
	Pasighat	24.05.2021
	Tezu	15.08.2021
	Haldwani Heliport	08.10.2021
	Sindhudurg	09.10.2021
	Kushinagar	26.11.2021
	Mandi Heliport	09.12.2021
	Rampur Heliport	14.12.2021
	Gondia	13.03.2022
2022-23	Keshod	16.04.2022
	Deoghar	12.07.2022
	Jeypore	03.08.2022
	Almora Heliport	26.08.2022
	Rourkela	07.01.2023
	Hollongi	15.01.2023
	Jamshedpur	31.01.2023
	Cooch Behar	21.02.2023
2023-24	Utkela	31.08.2023
	Shivamogga	21.11.2023
	Champawat Heliport	22.02.2024
	Munsiyari Heliport	22.02.2024
	Aligarh	11.03.2024
	Azamgarh	11.03.2024
	Chitrakoot	12.03.2024
	Shravasti	12.03.2024
	Jiribam Heliport	13.03.2024
	Tamenglong Heliport	13.03.2024
2024-25	Agatti	18.04.2024
	Moradabad	10.08.2024
	Rewa	25.11.2024
	Ambikapur	19.12.2024
	Nainital Heliport	12.03.2025

	Bageshwar Heliport	12.03.2025
2025-26	Amravati	16.04.2025
	Datia	31.05.2025
	Purnea	15.09.2025
	Reckong Peo Heliport	21.01.2026
	Shimla (Sanjoli) Heliport	21.01.2026