

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 18
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 20th July 2026
UDAN SCHEME IN ODISHA

18. SHRI DEBASHISH SAMANTARAY

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

- (a) the number of airports and air routes in the State of Odisha covered under the UDAN scheme;
- (b) the funds released for the scheme during the last three years;
- (c) whether additional airports are proposed in the State of Odisha; and
- (d) the steps taken to improve regional air connectivity?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): Four airports, namely Jharsuguda, Rourkela, Utkela, and Jeypore, have been operationalised under the UDAN Scheme. Further, the airstrips at Rangeilunda, Amarda, and Rairangpur have been identified for development. So far, 32 RCS routes have been operationalised in the State.

An expenditure of Rs. 409 crore has been incurred for the development of airports in Odisha, and Rs. 216.88 crore has been disbursed towards Viability Gap Funding (VGF) for the operation of RCS flights connecting the State of Odisha under the UDAN Scheme.

Further, the next phase of the UDAN Scheme was launched on 04.07.2026. The Scheme aims to promote regional connectivity across the country including the State of Odisha, targeting 120 new destinations and 4 crore passengers over the next 10 years.
