

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
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TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 20th July 2026
UDAN SCHEME IN UTTAR PRADESH

23. SHRI RATANJIT PRATAP NARAIN SINGH

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

- (a) progress made under the UDAN scheme in enhancing regional air connectivity and modernizing airport infrastructure across Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) current status and timelines for the operationalization of new airport projects currently under development in the State to boost regional economic growth;
- (c) total funds allocated and utilized for the development of Kushinagar International airport since its inception;
- (d) the daily passenger handling capacity of Kushinagar International airport and the actual average footfall recorded during the last financial year; and
- (e) steps taken to improve public transport connectivity between Kushinagar airport and major Buddhist tourism sites to enhance regional tourism potential?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) Under the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS)-UDAN, 18 airports have been identified in Uttar Pradesh. RCS flight operations have commenced from Agra, Prayagraj, Bareilly, Kanpur, Hindan, Kushinagar, Aligarh, Azamgarh, Shravasti, Chitrakoot and Moradabad. In addition, Ayodhya Airport has also been operationalised commercially. Completion timelines depend on factors such as land acquisition, statutory clearances, and financial closure.

(c) to (e) Kushinagar Airport has been developed at a cost of Rs.108.22 crore under the Revival & Development Scheme of the Government of India. Flight operations from Kushinagar Airport are currently suspended and hence, no passenger footfall was recorded during the last financial year.

With the repeal of Air Corporations Act in March 1994, the Indian domestic aviation was deregulated. It is upto the airline operators to introduce air services to / from any airport in the country depending on their operational & commercial viability.
