

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 2556
(To be answered on the 27th December 2018)**

UDAN SCHEME IN HILLY AREAS

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government has started UDAN scheme in the country;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the scheme has provision for Heliports in the country, if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
(d) whether the Hilly areas have been given priority in this scheme?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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(a) to (d): The Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) launched Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS)-UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) scheme on 21.10.2016 for providing connectivity to un-served and under-served airports of the country. The primary objective of RCS is to facilitate/stimulate regional air connectivity by making it affordable by providing Viability Gap Funding (VGF) and other concessions to the Selected Airline Operators under RCS. The States of Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh & Uttarakhand, North Eastern Region of India, Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep Islands have been defined as Priority Area(s) in the Scheme for providing better air connectivity. Helicopter operations were included in UDAN 2 for better connectivity of Priority Area(s). State-wise details of 31 Heliports identified under UDAN 2 are of six from Arunachal Pradesh, one from Assam, six from Himachal Pradesh, five from Manipur and thirteen from Uttarakhand.
