

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 2575
(To be answered on the 27th December 2018)**

AIR CONNECTIVITY IN AP

2575. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY KOTHA

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:-

- (a) the details of the steps taken/being taken to boost air connectivity in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana States;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor; and**
- (c) whether the Government is planning to set up new airports in Tier II cities of Telangana State?**

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a) to (c): Under Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS)- UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik), routes connecting Kadapa airport to Chennai, Hyderabad & Vijaywada in Andhra Pradesh have been awarded under RCS- UDAN version 1. Three underserved airports each from State of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana have been included under RCS UDAN version 3 for bidding. Construction of New / Greenfield airports is not covered under the provision of RCS-UDAN. Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved the proposal for revival of 50 existing un-served / under-served airports / airstrips of the State Governments, Airports Authority of India and Civil enclaves at an estimated cost of Rs. 4500 Crore, in three financial years starting from 2017-18. However, the revival of these unserved/underserved airports will be 'demand driven', depending upon firm commitment from airline operators as well as from the State Government for providing various concessions. Also, Government of India has granted 'site clearance' approval for setting up of Greenfield Airport at Kothagudem (Khammam) in Telangana.
