

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 2260  
(To be answered on the 4<sup>th</sup> July 2019)**

**AIRSTRIPS IN SMALL TOWN**

**2260. SHRI MUKESH RAJPUT**

**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION**

**नागर विमानन मंत्री**

**be pleased to state:-**

- (a) whether there is any scheme of the Government to redevelop the airstrips set up in small towns;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) if not, whether there is any scheme to develop such towns which are located near tourist spots and if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

**Minister of State (IC) in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION**

**नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (स्वतंत्र प्रभार)**

**(Shri Hardeep Singh Puri)**

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**(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Government of India, Ministry of Civil Aviation has launched Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik) in October, 2016 with the objective to facilitate / stimulate regional air connectivity to currently under-served and un-served airports in the country, including those in the small towns. The expansion of airports under the scheme is 'demand driven', depending upon firm commitment from airline operators as well as from the State Government for providing various concessions.**

**(c): Does not arise.**

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