

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
Lok Sabha**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1573
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 15th December 2022)**

AIR CONNECTIVITY TO BUNDELKHAND

1573. SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH CHANDEL

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the number of domestic air passengers has increased;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government proposes to extend the regional air connectivity to Bundelkhand; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

**Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION (GEN. (DR)
V. K. SINGH (RETD))**

(a) to (d) During 2019-20, all Indian airports across the country handled 275 million domestic passenger traffic. Due to the adverse effect of COVID-19 on aviation industry worldwide, the domestic passenger traffic in India decreased to 105 million during 2020-21. The details of domestic passenger traffic since 2020-21 up till October 2022 is attached at Annexure.

Ministry of Civil Aviation has launched Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) on 21-10-2016 to stimulate regional air connectivity and making air travel affordable to the masses.;

Chitrakoot, Datia, Lalitpur, Sagar Jhansi & Damoh cities of Bundelkhand region are available in UDAN Scheme. Further, Gwalior airport is operational and upgradation work of Chitrakoot airport is completed.

ANNEXURE IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1573 FOR ANSWER ON 15.12.2022**YEARWISE DETAILS OF DOMESTIC PASSENGER TRAFFIC**

Financial year	Domestic Passengers (in million)	Percentage growth (%)
2020-21	105	-61.7
2021-22	167	58.5
2022-23 (upto October)	147	96.5

Source: Airports Authority of India

Note: The percentage change for the financial year 2022-23 (upto October 2022) has been calculated based on the corresponding figure of the previous financial year.