

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 2662
(To be answered on the 22nd December 2022)**

PROPOSAL FROM KERALA

2662. SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED BASHEER

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:-

(a) whether the Union Government has received any proposal from the State of Kerala with regard to airstrip/helipad/water aerodrome and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the Government has taken any action in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री

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(a) to (b) 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. A tripartite Memorandum of Understanding has been signed in December, 2017 amongst Ministry of Civil Aviation, State Government of Kerala and Airports Authority of India for implementation of the UDAN Scheme in the State. UDAN is an ongoing scheme where bidding rounds are conducted periodically for covering more destinations/stations and routes and in case, any airline submits any bid for routes in future rounds of bidding, the same will be considered as per provisions of the Scheme document.

An airport which is included in the awarded routes of UDAN and requires upgradation / development for commencement of RCS operations, is developed under "Revival of unserved and underserved airports" scheme.

Besides the above, proposal for greenfield airport at Kottayam (Sabrimala) was considered in the Steering Committee of the Ministry of Civil Aviation for grant of Site Clearance. Based on the deliberations of the Committee, certain details were sought from Kerala State Industrial Development Corporation (KSIDC), which have been received on 12.12.2022. These are being analysed.
