

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. : 335
(To be answered on the 23rd March 2023)**

**DEVELOPMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE AT AIRPORTS IN TAMIL
NADU**

***335. DR. VISHNU PRASAD M.K.**

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government has taken steps for the infrastructure development of Airports in Tamil Nadu and if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether the Government has also included the airports from other States also under the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS); and
(c) if so, the details of the proposed plan for air connectivity with other cities?

ANSWER

Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

(Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 335 REGARDING "DEVELOPMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE AT AIRPORTS IN TAMIL NADU" TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.03.2023.

(a) to (c): The Airports Authority of India has taken steps for development/upgradation of Airports in the State of Tamil Nadu namely Chennai, Trichy, Madurai, Coimbatore and Tuticorin.

Besides the above, Airports namely Salem, Neyveli, Vellore, Tanjore and Ramnad have been identified in the State of Tamil Nadu for flights under the UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) scheme. An airport which is included in the awarded routes of UDAN and requires upgradation/development for commencement of UDAN operations, is developed under the 'Revival of unserved and underserved airports' scheme. Salem airport has been operationalized with UDAN flights under the scheme.

The Government has set a target to operationalize 1000 UDAN routes during the currency of the scheme and to revive/develop 100 unserved & underserved airports/heliports/water aerodromes in the country by 2024 for operation of UDAN flights. As on 28.02.2023, the Selected Airline Operators (SAOs) have operationalized 469 routes connecting 74 (unserved/underserved) airports including 9 Heliports & 2 Water Aerodromes.
