

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 104
(To be answered on the 2nd February 2023)**

AIRSTRIPS IN MADHYA PRADESH

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government proposes to utilise the airstrips near tourists places of Madhya Pradesh for the convenience of passengers;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government proposes to introduce passenger flight services on the nearby airstrips of Pench National Park in Seoni district of Balaghat Parliamentary Constituency which is visited by millions of domestic, international tourists; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री

(GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD))

(a) to (d): 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. UDAN is a market driven scheme. Interested airlines based on their assessment of demand on particular routes submit their proposals at the time of bidding under UDAN. The selection of airlines is made through a transparent bidding process. Datia, Gwalior, Pachmarhi and Rewa airports have been identified in Madhya Pradesh for operation of UDAN flights as well as to connect nearby tourist places.

Seoni Airport, Madhya Pradesh is available in the tentative list of unserved airport of UDAN scheme document. So far, no airline has submitted any proposal to operate UDAN flights from Seoni Airport, Madhya Pradesh. In case, any airline submits valid bid for operations of flights under UDAN from Seoni Air Strip, Madhya Pradesh in future rounds of bidding, the same shall be considered as per the provisions of the Scheme document.
