

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1178
(To be answered on the 9th February 2023)**

AIR CONNECTIVITY IN BUNDELKHAND

**1178. SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH CHANDEL
SHRIMATI MALA RAJYA LAXMI SHAH**

**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION
नागर विमानन मंत्री**

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government proposes to make regional air travel more comfortable and expand it;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the Government proposes to expand air travel services to Bundelkhand and Uttarakhand region; 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): The 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 for the common man. 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.

So far, 461 routes have been operationalised and 73 airports developed including 2 Water Aerodrome & 9 Heliports. Over 113.80 lakhs people have availed the benefit of the UDAN scheme since its inception. The scheme is applicable across the country including Bundelkhand and Uttarakhand region. Chitrakoot, Datia, Lalitpur, Sagar, Jhansi & Damoh cities of Bundelkhand region are presently available in UDAN Scheme Document. If any bid is received for connecting the airports of Bundelkhand, the same shall be considered as per the provisions of Scheme Document.

Uttarakhand is included in the UDAN Scheme Document as a Priority Area. Under the scheme, UDAN flights have commenced from Pantnagar, Pithoragarh, Sahasradhara, Chinyalisaur, Gaucher, New Tehri, Haldwani, Almora and Srinagar.
