

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
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DOMESTIC FLIGHTS UNDER UDAN SCHEME

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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION
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be pleased to state:-

- (a) the details of the airports selected/proposed to be selected for operating domestic flights under the UDAN scheme in West Bengal, Jammu & Kashmir, Bhagalpur in Bihar, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra and Jharkhand;**
(b) the details of the airports which are ready to be developed under UDAN scheme in West Bengal, Jammu & Kashmir especially Bhagalpur in Bihar, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra and Jharkhand;
(c) whether there is demand to connect more airports from West Bengal, Jammu & Kashmir, Bihar, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra and Jharkhand;
(d) if so, the details thereof including destinations already connected and those which are in pipeline;
(e) whether any survey was conducted with regard to the airstrips under the said scheme in West Bengal, Jammu & Kashmir, Bihar and Jharkhand; and
(f) if so, the details thereof including Bhagalpur?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री

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(a) to (f): The details of the airports identified for operating domestic flights under the UDAN scheme in West Bengal, Jammu & Kashmir, Bhagalpur in Bihar, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra and Jharkhand are given below:

West Bengal : Cooch Behar, Burnpur, Durgapur, Hashimara, Kalaikunda &

Malda. Durgapur airport has been operationalized under the UDAN scheme.

Jammu & Kashmir : Nil

Bhagalpur in Bihar is available in the list of unserved airports in the UDAN document. None of the airline bidders has submitted any proposal to operate UDAN flights from Bhagalpur airstrip till the completion of four rounds of bidding under UDAN.

Tamil Nadu: Vellore, Neyveli, Salem, Ramnad & Tanjore. Salem airport has been operationalized under the UDAN scheme.

Maharashtra : Jalgaon, Nanded, Kolhapur, Solapur, Amravati, Nasik, Ratnagiri, Gondia & Sindhudurg. Jalgaon, Nanded, Kolhapur, Nasik, Gondia & Sindhudurg airports have been operationalized under the UDAN scheme.

Jharkhand: Bokaro, Dumka, Daltonganj, Deoghar, Hazaribagh & Jamshedpur. Deoghar airport has been operationalized under the UDAN scheme.

Government has been receiving requests for connecting cities by air across the country from time to time. Ministry of Civil Aviation continues to interact with the airlines to promote air connectivity in the country.

UDAN is a market driven and ongoing scheme where bidding rounds are conducted periodically for covering more destinations/stations and routes. Interested airlines based on their assessment of demand on particular routes, submit their proposals at the time of bidding under UDAN. Selection of airlines is done through a transparent bidding process. An airport which is included in the awarded routes of UDAN and requires upgradation / development for commencement of UDAN operations, is developed under "Revival of unserved and underserved airports" scheme.
