Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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(a) the salient features of the seaplane services under the Regional Connectivity Scheme - Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik (RCS-UDAN);
(b) the States where the Government proposes to introduce sea-plane services; and
(c) the funds estimated for the project along with the time-frame for its implementation?

ANSWER

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(a) to (c): Ministry of Civil Aviation introduced a new mode of transportation i.e. seaplane operations from water aerodromes under UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) scheme.

During various rounds of bidding under UDAN, 56 seaplane routes connecting 25 water aerodromes were identified in the States/UTs of Gujarat, Assam, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Goa, Himachal Pradesh and Lakshadweep.

An aerodrome of the State Governments, Airports Authority of India (AAI), Public Sector Undertakings and Civil Enclaves and 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. An estimated amount of Rs. 287 crore has been allocated for the development of thirteen water aerodromes across the country, by 31.03.2024.

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