

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 2631
(To be answered on the 16th March 2023)**

AIR CONNECTIVITY IN NORTH EASTERN STATES

2631. SHRI TAPIR GAO

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

- (a) the number of existing functional airports/ airstrips in the North-Eastern States till date;
- (b) the number of airports constructed post 2014, out of the above mentioned airports/airstrips; and
- (c) the details of the growth of Aircraft Movement in the region, percentage-wise since 2014?

ANSWER

Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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(Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia)

(a) to (c): Ministry of Civil Aviation has launched Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS)- UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) on 21.10.2016 to enhance regional air connectivity across the country from unserved and underserved airports in the country and making air travel affordable to the masses.

Airports at Rupsi, Tezu, Tezpur, Pasighat, Jorhat, Lilabari, Shillong, Pakyong, Itanagar & Dimapur involving 64 routes have been operationalised under UDAN in the North Eastern Region.

There were 9 operational airports in 2014 in the North East Region. Presently, there are 16 operational airports in the North East Region. Additionally, Advanced landing Ground at Ziro has also been operationalized.

Total international and domestic aircraft movement for the North East Region was 4334 and 8994 in April, 2014 and January, 2023 respectively.
