

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
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FEATURES OF KRISHI UDAN SCHEME

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

- (a) the salient features of Krishi UDAN Scheme 2.0;**
- (b) the details of the funds sanctioned, allocated and utilized under this scheme within Assam during last three years and the current year;**
- (c) the details of the number of food products currently being covered under the scheme within the country;**
- (d) the details of the targets and achievements set so far under this scheme across the country and its response within the country; and**
- (e) whether the Government proposes to increase the number of food products under this scheme and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

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(a) and (b) Krishi Udan Scheme 2.0 was announced on 27 October 2021 enhancing the existing provisions, mainly focusing on transporting perishable food products from the hilly areas, North-Eastern States and tribal areas. Krishi Udan Scheme is a convergence scheme where eight Ministries/Departments namely Ministry of Civil Aviation, Department of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Food Processing Industries, Department of Commerce, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Ministry of Development of North-Eastern Region would leverage their existing schemes to strengthen the logistics for transportation of Agri-produce. There is no specific budget allocation under Krishi Udan Scheme. However, for facilitating and incentivising movement of agri-produce by air transportation, Airports Authority of India (AAI) provides full waiver of Landing, Parking, Terminal Navigational Landing Charges (TNLC) and Route Navigation Facility Charges (RNFC) for Indian freighters and P2C (Passenger-to-Cargo) Aircraft. The scheme primarily covers 25 airports focusing on North Eastern,

Hilly and Tribal region besides 33 airports in other regions/areas. At present, Dibrugarh, Jorhat, Lilabari, Rupsi, Silchar and Tezpur airports in Assam are included under Krishi Udan Scheme.

(c) to (e) All perishable commodities are covered under Krishi Udan Scheme in the country which includes horticulture, fishery, livestock and processed products. Krishi Udan scheme is to provide air transportation and logistics support for perishable agri-produce as per the need.

The Scheme aims to ensure seamless, cost-effective, time bound, air transportation and associated logistics for all Agri-produce originating especially from North-East, hilly and tribal regions of the country, so that it improves their value realisation. Few successful examples are air transportation of 'King Chillies from Guwahati to London, Jackfruit from Tripura to London and Germany, Assamese lemon from Guwahati to London, Burmese Grapes from Guwahati to Dubai and Litchi from Darbhanga to Rest of India.

The total perishable tonnage handled in India during last three financial years are as under:

	(in Lakh MT)		
FY	Domestic	International	Total
2020-21	0.47	1.63	2.10
2021-22	0.79	1.91	2.70
2022-23	0.75	1.58	2.33
(up to Jan)			
