

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
Lok Sabha
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 2530
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 3rd August 2023)
DEVELOPMENT OF GREENFIELD AND BROWNFIELD
AIRPORTS

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

be pleased to state:-

- (a) the details of the Greenfield and Brownfield airports developed in the country State/UT-wise including West Bengal during the last ten years;**
- (b) whether the Government has provided financial incentives to airlines and airport operators to operate flights on underserved and unserved routes in West Bengal and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government has formulated or finalized the destinations for setting up Greenfield airports in West Bengal and if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) the timeline for the operationalization of Maldah airport in West Bengal; and**
- (e) whether the Government has a tangible plan to expedite the process of modernization of Brownfield airports and the development of Greenfield airports, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION
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(a) to (c): Government of India (GoI) has formulated a Greenfield Airports (GFA) Policy, 2008 for development of Greenfield airports in the country. As per the policy, if any developer including the State

Government desires to develop an airport, they are required to identify a suitable site and get the Pre-feasibility Study conducted for construction of airport and submit a proposal to the Central Government for 'Site Clearance' followed by 'In-Principle' approval. ; Under GFA Policy, 2008, 12 Greenfield airports viz. Durgapur in West Bengal, Shirdi and Sindhudurg in Maharashtra, Kannur in Kerala, Pakyong in Sikkim, Kalaburagi and Shivamogga in Karnataka, Orvakal (Kurnool) in Andhra Pradesh, Kushinagar in Uttar Pradesh, Itanagar in Arunachal Pradesh, Mopa in Goa and Rajkot in Gujarat have been operationalised during the last ten years.;

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Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) has launched Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) on 21-10-2016 to enhance regional air connectivity from unserved and underserved airports in the country and making air travel affordable to the masses. 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. Financial incentives in terms of concessions from Central, State Governments and airport operators are extended to Selected Airline Operators to encourage operations from unserved/underserved airports/heliports/water aerodromes and keep the air fare affordable. Support to the Selected Airline Operators is also extended in the form of Viability Gap Funding (VGF). State Governments provide 20% share towards VGF for RCS flights pertaining to their states. However, the share of VGF for North-Eastern states and Union Territories is 10%. ;

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Under the scheme, the unserved & underserved airports/airstrips, have been identified/awarded all over the country including Six (6) airports namely, Durgapur, Cooch Behar, Hashimara, Kalaikunda, Burnpur and Malda for commencement of RCS flights in the State of West Bengal. In 3rd round of bidding under UDAN, M/s Spicejet Ltd. has commenced flights between Durgapur & Mumbai and Durgapur & Chennai. Under UDAN 4.1, RCS routes connecting Cooch Behar with Kolkata also commenced. Till date, 74 airports (including heliports, water aerodromes & greenfield airports) have been operationalised across the country under UDAN since

inception of the UDAN Scheme in 2016. State/UT wise list of airports operationalised/revived under RCS-UDAN is at Annexure.;

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(d): The Malda airport has been identified for operating domestic flights under the UDAN scheme. Operationalisation of the airport is subject to allocation of funds for development of the airport.

(e): Upgradation/ Modernisation of airports is a continuous process and is undertaken by Airports Authority of India (AAI) and other Airport Operators from time to time depending on the availability of land, commercial viability, socio-economic considerations, traffic demand / willingness of airlines to operate to/from such airports. AAI and other Airport Operators have targeted capital outlay of approximately Rs. 98,000 crore in the airport sector across India by 2025, since FY 2019-20 for construction of Greenfield Airports and new terminals, expansion and modernisation of existing terminals and strengthening of runways, among other activities. Out of this, more than Rs. 25000 crore capital expenditure is being incurred by AAI and the remaining by private airport operators/developers.

Annexure

Statement referred in reply to Lok Sabha USQ No. 2530 for answer on 03.08.2023

List of 74 RCS Airports operationalized (Total 74 Nos. including 19 Underserved and 55 Unserved airports)

S No.	State	Airport	Date of Operationalisation
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Kadapa (Underserved)(Round-1)	27-April-2017
2.		Kurnool (Unserved) (Round-3)	28-march 2021
3.	Assam	Jorhat (Underserved)(Round-2)	1-Aug-2018
4.		Lilabari (Underserved)(Round-2)	15-Jan-2019
5.		Tezpur (Underserved)(Round-2)	26-April-2018
6.		Rupsi (Unserved) (Round-2)	8-may 2021
7.	Arunachal Pradesh	Tezu (Unserved) (Round-2)	15 August 2021
8.		Passighat (Unserved) (Round-2)	24-May 2021
9.		Hollongi (Unserved) (Round-4.3)	15-Jan-2023
10.	Bihar	Darbhanga (Unserved) (Round-2)	08-Nov-2020
11.	Chhattisgarh	Jagdalpur (Unserved) (Round-1)	14-June-2018
12.		Bilaspur (Unserved) (Round-1)	1-March-2021
13.	Daman & Diu	Diu (Underserved)(Round-1)	24-Feb-2018
14.	Gujarat	Bhavnagar (Underserved)(Round-1)	1-May-2018
15.		Jamnagar (Underserved)(Round-1)	17-Feb-2018
16.		Kandla (Unserved) (Round-1)	1-July-2017
17.		Keshod (Unserved) (Round-2)	16-Apr-2022
18.		Mundra (Unserved) (Round-1)	17-Feb-2018
19.		Porbandar (Underserved)(Round-1)	10-July-2017
20.		Statue of Unity (W) (Unserved) (Round-3)	31-Oct-2020
21.		Sabarmati River Front (W) (Unserved) (Round-3)	31-Oct-2020
22.	Haryana	Hissar (Unserved) (Round-2)	14-Jan-2021
23.	Himachal Pradesh	Shimla (Unserved) (Round-1)	27-April-2017
24.		Kullu (Underserved)	13-May-2019
25.		Mandi – Heliport (Unserved) (Round-2)	09-Dec-2021
26.		Rampur – Heliport (Unserved) (Round-2)	14-Dec-2021
27.	Jharkhand	Deoghar (Unserved) (Round-4.1)	12-July-2022
28.		Jamshedpur (Unserved) (Round-1)	31-Jan-2023
29.	Karnataka	Belgaum (Underserved)(Round-3)	1-May-2019
30.		Hubli (Underserved)(Round-2)	14-May-2018
31.		Mysore (Unserved) (Round-1)	2-Sep-2017
32.		Vidyanagar (Unserved) (Round-1)	21-Sep-2017
33.		Kalaburgi (Gulbarga) (Unserved) (Round-3)	22-Nov-2019
34.		Bidar (Unserved) (Round-1)	07-Feb-2020
35.	Kerala	Kannur (Unserved) (Round-2)	25-Jan-2019
36.	Madhya Pradesh	Gwalior (Underserved)(Round-1)	31-May-2017
37.	Maharashtra	Gondia (Unserved) (Round-4)	13-March-2022

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38.		Jalgaon (Unservd) (Round-1)	23-Dec-2017
39.		Kolhapur (Unservd) (Round-1)	8-April-2018
40.		Nanded (Unservd) (Round-1)	27-April-2017
41.		Ozar (Nasik) (Unservd) (Round-1)	23-Dec-2017
42.		Sindhudurg (Unservd) (Round-3)	9-October -2021
43.	Meghalaya	Shillong (Underserved)(Round-1)	26-April-2018
44.	Nagaland	Dimapur (Underserved)(Round-3)	07-Dec-2019
45.	Odisha	Jharsuguda (Unservd) (Round-1)	22-Sep-2018
46.		Jeypore (Unservd) (Round-1)	03-Aug-2022
47.		Rourkela (Unservd) (Round-1)	07-Jan-2023
48.	Pondicherry (UT)	Pondicherry (Underserved)(Round-1)	16-Aug-2017
49.	Punjab	Adampur (Unservd) (Round-1)	1-May-2018
50.		Bhatinda (Unservd) (Round-1)	27-April-2017
51.		Ludhiana (Unservd) (Round-1)	2-Sep-2017
52.		Pathankot (Unservd) (Round-1)	5-April-2018
53.	Rajasthan	Bikaner (Unservd) (Round-1)	26-Sep-2017
54.		Jaisalmer (Unservd) (Round-1)	29-Oct-2017
55.		Kishangarh (Unservd) (Round-2)	8-Oct-2018
56.	Sikkim	Pakyong (Unservd) (Round-2)	4-Oct-2018
57.	Tamil Nadu	Salem (Unservd) (Round-1)	25-Mar-2018
58.	Uttar Pradesh	Agra (Underserved)(Round-1)	8-Dec-2017
59.		Allahabad (Underserved)(Round-2)	14-June-2018
60.		Kanpur(Chakeri) (Unservd) (Round-1)	3-July-2018
61.		Hindon (Unservd) (Round-2)	11-Oct-2019
62.		Bareilly (Unservd) (Round-2)	08-Mar-2021
63.		Kushinagar (Unservd) (Round-3)	26-Nov-2021
64.	Uttarakhand	Pantnagar (Underserved)(Round-1)	4-Jan-2019
65.		Pithoragarh (Unservd) (Round-2)	17-Jan-2019
66.		Sahastradhara - Heliport (Unservd) (Round-2)	08-Feb-2020
67.		Chinyalisaur - Heliport (Unservd) (Round-2)	08-Feb-2020
68.		Gaucher - Heliport (Unservd) (Round-2)	08-Feb-2020
69.		New Tehri - Heliport (Unservd) (Round-2)	29-July-2020
70.		Srinagar - Heliport (Unservd) (Round-2)	29-July-2020
71.		Haldwani - Heliport (Unservd) (Round-2)	8-Oct-2021
72.		Almora - Heliport (Unservd) (Round-2)	26-Aug-2022
73.	West Bengal	Cooch Behar (Unservd)(Round-1)	21-Feb-2023
74.		Durgapur(Underserved)(Round-1)	25-June-2019
