

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1703
(To be answered on the 28th November 2019)**

CONSTRUCTION OF AIRPORTS IN ARARIA

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:-

- (a) the present status of construction of new domestic airports under Regional connectivity scheme "UDAN" launched by the Government in September, 2017;
(b) the details of the area of land reserved in Araria district of the State of Bihar under the said scheme and the time by which the construction work is planned to be started; and
(c) the details of the main objectives of the said scheme?

ANSWER

Minister of State (IC) in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (स्वतंत्र प्रभार)

(Shri Hardeep Singh Puri)

(a): Construction of new airport does not come under the purview of Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik). However, any airport which is included in the awarded routes of UDAN, is developed under "Revival of unserved and underserved airports" scheme. 43 underserved and unserved airports have been operationalized under this scheme, details of which are attached at Annexure-A.

(b): Jogbani airstrip in Araria district belongs to Airports Authority of India having total land area of 153.5 acres. The airstrip figures in the list of unserved airstrips/airports in the scheme document of RCS-UDAN. No bid was received under three rounds of bidding under the scheme for this airstrip. However, if any bid is received in future, the same will be considered as per the provisions of the scheme document.

(c): Government has launched RCS-UDAN on 21.10.2016 to facilitate/stimulate regional air connectivity by making it affordable. RCS - UDAN is market driven mechanism. Development of regional air connectivity routes is left to market forces and airlines undertake assessment of demand and nature of supply required on particular routes. The scheme is valid for a period of 10 years. The Implementing Agency conducts the bidding from time to time during the currency of the scheme.

Annexure-A

**Statement referred to in the reply of Lok Sabha Unstarred
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**List of unserved/underserved RCS Airports started as on
22.11.2019**

S No	State	Airport	Date of Operationalisation
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Kadapa (Underserved)	27-April-2017
2.	Assam	Jorhat (Underserved)	1-Aug-2018
3.		Lilabari (Underserved)	15-Jan-2019
4.		Tezpur (Underserved)	26-April-2018
5.	Chhattisgarh	Jagdalpur	14-June-2018
6.	Daman & Diu	Diu (Underserved)	24-Feb-2018
7.	Gujarat	Bhavnagar (Underserved)	1-May-2018
8.		Jamnagar (Underserved)	17-Feb-2018
9.		Kandla	1-July-2017
10.		Mundra	17-Feb-2018
11.		Porbandar (Underserved)	10-July-2017
12.	Himachal Pradesh	Shimla	27-April-2017
13.		Kullu	13-May-2019
14.	Karnataka	Belgaum (Underserved)	1-May-2019
15.		Hubli (Underserved)	14-May-2018
16.		Mysore	2-Sep-2017
17.		Vidyanagar	21-Sep-2017
18.		Kalaburgai (Gulbarga)	22-Nov-2019
19.	Kerala	Kannur	25-Jan-2019
20.	Madhya Pradesh	Gwalior (Underserved)	31-May-2017
21.	Maharashtra	Jalgaon	23-Dec-2017
22.		Kolhapur	8-April-2018
23.		Nanded	27-April-2017
24.		Ozar (Nasik)	23-Dec-2017
25.	Meghalaya	Shillong (Underserved)	26-April-2018
26.	Odisha	Jharsuguda	22-Sep-2018
27.	Pondicherry (UT)	Pondicherry (Underserved)	16-Aug-2017

S No	State	Airport	Date of Operationalisation
			1-May-2018
28.	Punjab	Adampur	
29.		Bhatinda	27-April-2017
30.		Ludhiana	2-Sep-2017
31.		Pathankot	5-April-2018
32.	Rajasthan	Bikaner	26-Sep-2017
33.		Jaisalmer	29-Oct-2017
34.		Kishangarh	8-Oct-2018
35.	Sikkim	Pakyong	4-Oct-2018
36.	Tamil Nadu	Salem	25-March-2018
37.	Uttar Pradesh	Agra (Underserved)	8-Dec-2017
38.		Allahabad (Underserved)	14-June-2018
39.		Kanpur(Chakeri)	3-July-2018
40.		Hindon	11-Oct-2019
41.	Uttarakhand	Pantnagar (Underserved)	4-Jan-2019
42.		Pithoragarh	17-Jan-2019
43.	West Bengal	Durgapur(Underserved)	25-June-2109