

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1919
(To be answered on the 9th December 2021)**

UDAN SCHEME AND TRANSFORMATION OF AVIATION SECTOR

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether UDAN Scheme has transformed the aviation sector making air travel accessible for common man;**
(b) if so, the number of small and medium cities which are connected by air service to big cities and the details of the routes where air service has started;
(c) the number of people travelled so far under the UDAN Scheme; and
(d) the number of additional airports which are operational now due to UDAN Scheme?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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(a) to (d): 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 from unserved and underserved airports in the country for making air travel affordable to the masses. Under RCS - UDAN, 948 valid routes have been awarded. Out of which, 395 Routes connecting 63 unserved and underserved airports including 6 Heliports & 2 water aerodromes have been operationalized. Approximately 8.1 million passengers have travelled on RCS - UDAN flights.
