

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1444
(To be answered on the 10th February 2022)**

DEVELOPMENT OF AIR STRIP IN KHARGONE, MADHYA PRADESH

1444. **SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH PATEL**

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether any scheme is under consideration of the Government for developing airstrip in Khargone district of Madhya Pradesh to boost trade and tourism therein and if so, the details thereof; and
(b) whether the Government proposes to develop more air connectivity for Khargone Parliamentary Constituency to facilitate the pilgrims and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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(Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia)

(a) and (b): Ministry of Civil Aviation has launched Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN (Ude Deshka Aam Nagrik) on 21-10-2016 to stimulate regional air connectivity 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. An airport which is included in the awarded routes of RCS - UDAN and requires upgradation/development for commencement of RCS operations is developed under "Revival of unserved and underserved airports" scheme.

The Khargone Airstrip in the State of Madhya Pradesh figures in the list of unserved airports in the UDAN Scheme Document. However, none of the airline has submitted any proposal to operate UDAN flight connecting Khargone Airstrip, till completion of four rounds of bidding. RCS - UDAN is an ongoing scheme where bidding rounds are conducted periodically for covering more destinations/stations and routes. Khargone can be covered under the scheme when an airline submits a bid connecting this airstrip.
