

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
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BENEFITS OF UDAN SCHEME

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

- (a) the number of people benefitted under the Ude Desh Ka Aam Naagrik (UDAN) scheme; and**
(b) the details of the steps being taken by the Government to ensure that the benefits of the said scheme reach to each citizen?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री

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(a) & (b): Under Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS)- UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik), approximately 86.05 lakhs passengers have travelled on UDAN flights since its commencement on 21.10.2016 till 09.01.2022. RCS - UDAN aims to stimulate regional air connectivity for 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. The salient features of the UDAN scheme are as under:

- i) The scheme offers a unique opportunity to a common person to fly at an affordable price, for which the Government has capped the Airfare for the seats where incentives are extended to airlines under the RCS scheme launched in the country.**
- ii) UDAN scheme has sparked significant increase in helicopter services in hilly areas and islands through use of heliports.**
- iii) Till date, out of 948 valid routes, 403 RCS routes (connecting 65 airports including 8 heliports & 2 water aerodromes) have commenced under the scheme.**
