

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 413
(To be answered on the 3rd February 2022)**

KRISHI UDAN SCHEME

413. SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED BASHEER

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government has started the operation of Krishi Udan Scheme and if so, the details thereof; and
(b) whether the Government has assessed the achievements of the said scheme in the farming sector and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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(a) and (b) Krishi Udan Scheme 1.0 was launched in August 2020, on international and national routes to assist farmers in transporting agricultural products so that it improves their value realization. Krishi Udan Scheme 2.0 was announced on 27 October 2021 enhancing the existing provisions, mainly focusing on transporting perishable food products from the hilly areas, North-Eastern States and tribal areas.

The scheme aims to ensure seamless, cost-effective, time-bound air transportation and associated logistics for all Agri-produce originating especially from North East, hilly and tribal regions of the country. Under the Krishi Udan Scheme, Airports Authority of India (AAI) provides waiver of Landing, Parking, Terminal Navigational Landing Charges (TNLC) and Route Navigation Facility Charges (RNFC) for Indian freighters and P2C (Passenger-to-Cargo) Aircraft primarily around 25 airports focusing on North Eastern, Hilly and Tribal regions and 28 airports in other regions/areas.

Krishi Udan Scheme is a convergence scheme where eight Ministries/Departments namely Ministry of Civil Aviation, Department of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Food Processing Industries,

Department of Commerce, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Ministry of Development of North-eastern Region (DoNER) would leverage their existing schemes to strengthen the logistics for transportation of Agri-produce.

AAI Cargo Logistics and Allied Services (AAICLAS) has assessed that during the Financial Year 2020-21, 84,042 Metric Ton (MT) and in Financial Year 2021-22 (till December, 2021) 92,266 Metric Ton (MT) of perishable air cargo was handled at AAI managed airports in Domestic as well as International Sector.
