

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 3110
(To be answered on the 4th August 2022)**

SETTING UP OF WATER AERODROME

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up water aerodromes to promote seaplane operations in the country particularly in Kanyakumari district of Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the routes which have been identified under the plan; and
- (c) the extent to which the plan would help in providing connectivity to underserved and unserved areas and to promote tourism?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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(a) to (c): 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 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. Ministry of Civil Aviation has introduced a new mode of transport i.e. Seaplane operations under UDAN version 3.0 . No Airline bidder had submitted its bid for Seaplane operations from Tamil Nadu. Airports Authority of India (AAI), the Implementing Agency, has awarded 948 valid routes, which include the places of tourism and religious importance. Out of 948 routes, 425 routes have been operationalized involving 68 destinations as on 29.07.2022 across the country.
