

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 781
(To be answered on the 21st July 2022)**

UDAN SCHEME

781. SHRIMATI MALA ROY

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:-

- (a) the current status of the UDAN scheme;**
- (b) the details of the number of people who have availed of the scheme every year since its inception; and**
- (c) the quantum of funds spent by the Government under the scheme?**

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री

(GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD))

(a): 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 by making air travel affordable to the masses. So far, 425 UDAN routes have been operationalized across the country, connecting 68 UDAN airports including 2 water aerodromes & 8 heliports.

(b): Year wise details of air passengers, who have availed the benefit of the UDAN scheme since its inception are given below

- 1. 2017-18- 2,63,166**
- 2. 2018-19- 12,40,896**
- 3. 2019-20- 29,91,337**
- 4. 2020-21- 14,98,066**
- 5. 2021-22- 32,99,860**

(c): Government has approved the "Revival of unserved and underserved airports" scheme at the total cost of Rs.4500 crore for the revival and development of unserved and underserved airports of State Government, Airports Authority of India(AAI), Civil Enclaves, Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs), Helipads and Water Aerodromes. The expenditure incurred upto 30.06.2022 under this scheme is Rs. 2610 crore.
