NEW PHASE OF UDAN SCHEME

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:-

(a) the details regarding the next phase of the UDAN scheme;
(b) the details and the status of new Greenfield airports to be built under this scheme and new Greenfield airports planned to be constructed in the State of Uttar Pradesh, if any, district-wise; and
(c) the details regarding the total number of travellers who have benefited till now and the number of targeted beneficiaries for the next five years?

ANSWER

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(a): UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) is an ongoing scheme where bidding rounds are conducted periodically for covering more destinations/stations and routes. Four rounds have already been concluded under the scheme so far.

(b): An airport which is included in the awarded routes of UDAN and requires upgradation / development for commencement of RCS (Regional Connectivity Scheme) operations, is developed under "Revival/upgradation of unserved and underserved airports/heliports/water aerodromes" Scheme. The Government of India has approved a budget of Rs. 4500 crore for revival of existing unserved / underserved airports / airstrips of the State Governments, Airports Authority of India (AAI), Public Sector Undertakings and Civil Enclaves.

Further, Government of India has accorded 'in-principle' approval for setting up of 21 Greenfield Airports across the country namely, Mopa in Goa, Navi Mumbai, Shirdi and Sindhudurg in Maharashtra, Kalaburagi, Vijayapura,
Hassan and Shivamogga in Karnataka, Dabra (Gwalior) in Madhya Pradesh, Kushinagar and Noida (Jewar) in Uttar Pradesh, Dholera and Hirasar (Rajkot) in Gujarat, Karaikal in Puducherry, Dagadarthi (Nellore), Bhogapuram and Orvakal (Kurnool) in Andhra Pradesh, Durgapur in West Bengal, Pakyong in Sikkim, Kannur in Kerala and Hollongi (Itanagar) in Arunachal Pradesh. So far, eight Greenfield airports namely Durgapur, Shirdi, Sindhudurg, Pakyong, Kannur, Kalaburagi, Orvakal and Kushinagar have been operationalized.

(c): More than one crore air passengers have availed benefit of the UDAN scheme since its inception. The scheme focuses on the connectivity between the Tier-2 and 3 cities in the country and number of beneficiaries will increase manifold as the connectivity improves between unserved and underserved airports.

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