

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. : 158
(To be answered on the 1st August 2024)**

GROWTH OF AVIATION SECTOR

***158. SHRI SURESH KUMAR SHETKAR**

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

(a) whether it is true that the aviation sector has been galvanized during the last ten years and the number of airports have doubled to 149 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also true that the rollout of air connectivity to tier-two and tier-three cities under UDAN scheme has been widespread and five hundred and seventeen new routes carry 1.3 crore passengers and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Indian carriers have pro-actively placed orders for over 1000 new aircrafts and expansion and development of existing airports continues expeditiously; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and progress made till now, along with funds sanctioned/spent therefor?

ANSWER

Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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(Shri Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu)

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (D) IN RESPECT OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 158 FOR REPLY ON 01.08.2024 REGARDING GROWTH OF AVIATION SECTOR ASKED BY SHRI SURESH KUMAR SHETKAR.

(a) The Government has formulated the National Civil Aviation Policy, 2016 to provide a conducive ecosystem for overall growth of the Indian Aviation Sector, which involves infrastructure development of airports through greenfield projects as well as under the UDAN scheme. 12 Greenfield airports have been built and operationalised since 2014. 85 unserved/underserved airports, including 2 Water Aerodromes and 13 Heliports have been operationalised under the UDAN scheme since the inception of the scheme in 2016. As a result, the total number of operational airports/heliports/water-aerodromes has increased from 74 in 2014 to 157 in 2024. The number of domestic air passengers has increased from 67 million in 2014 to 152 million in 2023. The fleet size of scheduled airlines in the country has increased from 400 till 2014 to around 800.

(b) 579 routes connecting 85 unserved/underserved airports, including 13 Heliports and 02 Water Aerodromes, have been operationalised under UDAN Scheme. More than 1.42 crores passengers have so far travelled on 2.74 lakh RCS flights.

(c) & (d) Scheduled Indian Carriers have placed orders for more than 1150 aircraft in the last one year. Development / upgradation / modernization of airports in the country is a continuous process. Airports Authority of India (AAI) has embarked upon a CAPEX plan of 25000 Crores during 5 years (2019-24) for development of various airports in the country to meet the requirement of air traffic and passenger growth. The developmental works include new airports, expansion / modification of existing terminals, addition of new passenger facilities, new terminals, expansions / strengthening of existing runways, aprons, ANS work like control tower, technical block etc.
