

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1721
(To be answered on the 1st August 2024)**

AIRPORTS UNDER UDAN SCHEME

1721. SHRI MANICKAM TAGORE B.

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether it is true that the Government proposes to set up more airports and expand connectivity to tier - 2/3 cities under UDAN scheme and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether it is also true that many airlines did not operate flights to targeted airports under UDAN scheme; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a): Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) seeks to bring air connectivity to tier-2 and tier-3 cities by taking up existing airstrips, identified through bidding rounds, for development and upgradation under the 'Revival of unserved and underserved airports' Scheme. Bidding rounds are conducted from time to time for covering more destinations and routes under the scheme. Revival / up-gradation of unserved and underserved airports is undertaken upon its identification through valid bid and award to the Selected Airline Operator (SAO).

(b) and (c): Reasons for occasional delay in operationalising the airports by airlines, include:

- 1. Delay due to land unavailability.**
- 2. Technical and operational constraints at certain airports.**
- 3. Delay in obtaining Scheduled Commuter Operators Permit by new entrant Airlines.**
- 4. Other issues such as non-availability of suitable aircraft, aircraft leasing issues, maintenance issues of small aircraft etc.**