

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 473
(To be answered on the 28th November 2024)**

DEVELOPMENT OF AIRPORTS

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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION
नागर विमानन मंत्री**

be pleased to state:-

**(a) whether it is a fact that the Government has prepared a five year plan for development and expansion of more than 50 airports in smaller cities considering the anticipated growth in air travel demand in these cities; and
(b) if so, the details thereof along with the cities selected for the said purpose?**

ANSWER

**Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION
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(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a) & (b): To cater to the growing air travel demand in small cities, the Ministry of Civil Aviation has launched Regional Connectivity Scheme-Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik (RCS-UDAN) to enhance remote and regional connectivity through development of aviation infrastructure in the country. The scheme envisages revival / upgradation of unserved and underserved airports on its identification through valid bid and subsequent award to the Selected Airline Operator (SAO) to operate the routes connecting the identified airport.

Government of India approved Rs. 4500 Cr. for revival/upgradation of unserved and underserved Airports/Heliports/Water Aerodromes owned by AAI/State Govt./CPSEs/MoD. An amount of Rs. 1000 Cr. is approved by Government of India in Phase-II of Revival and Development scheme to revive additional 50 airports, heliports water aerodromes and advanced landing grounds for improving regional air connectivity for the period from FY 2023-24 to FY 2025-26.

As on 25.11.2024, 609 RCS routes connecting 86 unserved and underserved airports (including 13 heliports and 02 water aerodromes) have been operationalised. Additionally, an expenditure of Rs. 4134 crores has been

incurred so far.
