

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 479
(To be answered on the 28th November 2024)**

SABEYA AIRSTRIP

479. DR. ALOK KUMAR SUMAN

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Government had completed five or more rounds of bidding under UDAN Scheme to connect Sabeya (Hathua) Airstrip with RCS route and if so, the details thereof along with the next date of the bidding for Airstrip;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the name of Sabeya (Hathua) Airstrip has not been mentioned in the bidding document for operation of RCS flights/small aircraft connecting Sabeya airport and if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has invited particular attention of airline operators to assess the feasibility of operation on Sabeya Airstrip and bid under the said scheme and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken to consider operation especially from Sabeya Airport in bidding under UDAN while mentioning the name of Sabeya Airport?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a) to (d): Sabeya (Hathua) Airstrip is available in the list of unserved airports in the UDAN Document.

Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN is a demand-driven ongoing scheme where bidding rounds are conducted from time to time to cover more destinations/stations and routes. Based on their assessment of demand on particular routes, interested airlines submit their proposals at the time of bidding under UDAN. Revival / up-gradation of unserved and underserved airports is undertaken upon its identification through valid bid and award to the Selected Airline Operator (SAO). Five rounds of bidding under have so far been completed under the Scheme. However, no valid bid connecting Sabeya (Hathua) airport has been received. The airstrip at Sabeya (Hathua)

could not, therefore, be taken for revival.
