

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 658
(To be answered on the 28th November 2024)**

OBJECTIVE OF UDAN SCHEME

658. SHRI RAVINDRA SHUKLA ALIAS RAVI KISHAN

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government has achieved the objectives of Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik (Udan) scheme for which the said scheme was started;**
(b) if so, the details thereof; and
(c) whether the Government has fixed any targets under the Udan Scheme for next five years and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री

(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a) to (b): The Government launched the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) in October 2016 to enhance regional air connectivity from unserved and underserved airports in the country for making air travel affordable to the masses. The scheme seeks to bring air connectivity to tier-2 and tier-3 cities by taking up existing airstrips identified through UDAN bidding rounds for development and upgradation under the 'Revival of unserved and underserved airports' scheme.

As on date, 609 routes connecting 86 unserved and underserved airports (including 13 heliports and 2 water aerodromes) have so far been operationalised under the Scheme. More than 146 lakh domestic passengers have travelled through 2.86 Lakh RCS flights.

(c): The tenure of the existing version of the RCS Scheme is upto 26.04.2027 and 1000 routes have been targeted to be commenced under the Scheme.
