

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 2421
(To be answered on the 13th March 2025)**

BUDGET ALLOCATION FOR UDAN SCHEME

2421. SHRI VISHALDADA PRAKASHBAPU PATIL

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government is aware that, despite plans to add 120 new destinations under the UDAN scheme, the budget allocation for the Regional Connectivity Scheme has been reduced to Rs. 540 crore in the 2025-26 budget;
- (b) if so, the rationale behind the reduction in allocation in light of the expansion objectives;
- (c) whether the reduced budgetary allocation is anticipated to affect the implementation timeline of the new destinations and the overall regional connectivity goals;
- (d) if so, the details of any assessments conducted by the Ministry regarding potential challenges due to this budget reduction; and
- (e) the specific measures undertaken by the Government to ensure that the UDAN scheme's expansion proceeds as planned despite the decreased financial allocation?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a) to (e) : Under the Regional Connectivity Scheme - Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik (RCS-UDAN), Rs. 4500 crore has been allocated for revival/upgradation of unserved and underserved Airports/Heliports/Water Aerodromes owned by Airports Authority of India (AAI) / State Governments / Central Public Sector Undertakings / Ministry of Defence under Phase I of the Scheme which is valid till March 2025. Further, an amount of Rs. 1000 crore has been allocated under Phase-II of the Scheme.

The government has announced the launch of modified UDAN Scheme to increase regional connectivity to 120 new destinations and cater to 4 crore passengers in the next 10 years. The proposal for Budgetary allocation will be submitted on formulation of the modified UDAN Scheme.
