

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 4467  
(To be answered on the 27<sup>th</sup> March 2025)**

**BIDDING PROCESS FOR SMALL FLIGHTS AND AEROPLANES**

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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION**

**नागर विमानन मंत्री**

**be pleased to state:-**

- (a) the details of the bidding process for running small flights/aeroplanes at the proposed airports and airfields in the country;
- (b) the details of the number of bidding rounds conducted for inviting private operators for the proposed new airports/airfields;
- (c) the measures taken by the Government to include private operators in the bidding process for the Sabeya airfield for running small flights/aeroplanes; and
- (d) the details of the number of airports that have become operational after inclusion in the UDAN Scheme and the number of those became non-operational?

**ANSWER**

**Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION**

**नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री**

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**(a) to (d): Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik (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. Selection of Airlines is done through a transparent bidding process. Revival/up-gradation of unserved and underserved airports/airstrips is undertaken upon its identification through valid bid and award to the Selected Airline Operator (SAO). So far 13 bidding cycles under 5 bidding rounds have been conducted. Sabeya (Hathua) Airstrip is available in the list of unserved airports in the UDAN document. However, no bid for routes connecting the Sabeya airport have been received from any airline to operate RCS flights. 88 unserved and underserved airports including 13 heliports and 02 water aerodromes, have been operationalised till date under the Scheme. Currently, 11 airports developed under the UDAN scheme are non-operational.**

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