

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 668
(To be answered on the 6th February 2025)**

AIRPORTS IN TAMIL NADU

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:-

- (a) the number of regional, national and international airports in Tamil Nadu;**
(b) the number of flights operating under UDAN scheme in Tamil Nadu;
(c) whether it is true that there are obstacles in setting up of airport in Hosur, Tamil Nadu despite its approval; and
(d) 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): At present, there are six operational airports in Tamil Nadu, including three international airports at Chennai, Coimbatore and Tiruchirapalli, one Customs Notified Airport at Madurai and two domestic airports at Salem and Tuticorin.

(b): Since the commencement of UDAN scheme, 26 routes, connecting the airports in Tamil Nadu, have been operationalized under the scheme. Out of these, 22 routes are operational as on date.

(c) & (d): The existing airstrip at Hosur is owned and operated by M/s Taneja Aerospace and Aviation Limited (TAAL) as a private airstrip. In the first round of bidding under Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik), Turbo Aviation Private Limited submitted a bid for the RCS route Chennai-Hosur-Chennai. However, the route was not awarded to the airline owing to the provisions of the Concession Agreement between the Ministry of Civil Aviation and Bangalore International Airport Ltd., (BIAL), which provide that no new or existing airports (except for Mysore and Hassan airports and that too for domestic purposes only) are permitted to be developed as, or improved or upgraded into, a Domestic Airport/International Airport within an aerial distance of 150 kilometres of

the Bengaluru Airport before the twenty-fifth anniversary of its Opening Date which is 24th May, 2008. Thus, Hosur Airport was excluded from the UDAN document for the subsequent rounds of bidding.
