

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 3008  
(To be answered on the 7<sup>th</sup> August 2025)**

**SEAPLANE SERVICE UNDER UDAN**

**3008.       SHRI ALOK SHARMA  
              SHRI PRAVEEN PATEL  
              SHRI DILIP SAIKIA  
              SHRI TEJASVI SURYA  
              SHRI CAPTAIN BRIJESH CHOWTA  
              SHRI KAMALJEET SEHRAWAT  
              SHRI CHANDAN CHAUHAN  
              SHRI DINESHBHAI MAKWANA  
              SHRI BASAVARAJ BOMMAI  
              SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO  
              SHRI KHAGEN MURMU  
              DR. HEMANT VISHNU SAVARA**

**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION**

**नागर विमानन मंत्री**

**be pleased to state:-**

- (a) whether 100 seaplane routes have been identified under the UDAN scheme and if so, the details thereof along with the number of the said routes targeted to be made operational by 2026;**
- (b) whether any financial or operational support is being provided to the Maharashtra Tourism Development Corporation (MTDC) for the setting up of water aerodromes and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Union Government is coordinating with State Governments to streamline the approval process for seaplane services and if so, the details thereof along with the improvements made in this regard compared to earlier efforts;**
- (d) whether any feasibility study has been conducted or proposed to be conducted by the Government for launching seaplane services along the coastal region of Karnataka, particularly connecting Mangaluru in Dakshina Kannada with other key coastal or island destinations;**
- (e) if so, the details and the current status thereof; and**
- (f) whether the Government proposes to consider covering Assam and other North-Eastern States under this initiative on priority 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)**

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**(a): Ministry of Civil Aviation introduced seaplane operations from water aerodromes (WA) under the Regional Connectivity Scheme - Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik 3.0 (RCS-UDAN 3.0). During various rounds of bidding, 30 valid seaplane routes have been awarded, connecting identified water aerodromes.**

**(b) to (f): Under the RCS-UDAN Scheme, 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. Once a water-body is identified for connectivity and development of a water-aerodrome through the UDAN bidding round, the same is taken up for allocation of funds under the 'Revival of airports/heliport/water aerodrome' Scheme and the expenditure for development works is reimbursed to the concerned owner/developer of the water aerodrome.**

**Till date, no water aerodrome has been identified for development in Maharashtra and Karnataka under the Scheme.**

**The Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) is supporting State Governments, including the North Eastern States, in water aerodrome development through stakeholder consultations and workshops with DGCA, BCAS, airlines, and manufacturers. It facilitates regulatory approvals, addresses safety and operational issues, shares technical know-how, and coordinates with central agencies to align technical, regulatory, and financial aspects.**

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