

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 3142
(To be answered on the 7th August 2025)**

SEAPLANE SERVICE IN GUJARAT

3142. SHRI JASWANTSINH SUMANBHAI BHABHOR

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any action plan to introduce seaplane services for Dahod and its surrounding regions, particularly in view of Sardar Sarovar Dam and other water reservoirs and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether any coordination has been established between the Union Government and the State Government of Gujarat in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the positive impact this initiative is likely to have on tourism and employment opportunities in tribal areas?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a) to (c): Ministry of Civil Aviation introduced seaplane operations from water aerodromes 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 in various States/UTs including Gujarat.

Dahod has not been proposed for inclusion in the tentative list of unserved water bodies in the UDAN scheme document by the Government of Gujarat.

The UDAN initiative has not only enhanced regional connectivity and tourism but also contributed to improved logistics and has led to the generation of direct and indirect employment across the country.
