GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
Lok Sabha
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 4651
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 21st August 2025)

FUNCTIONAL AIRPORTS UNDER UDAN SCHEME

4651.   MS IQRA CHOUDHARY
Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

be pleased to state:-

(a) the total number of airports that have been made functional under the UDAN Scheme since its inception along with the details of their locations;
(b) the number of commercial flights currently operating from these functional airports under the UDAN Scheme along with the number of routes and the airlines involved;
(c) whether commercial flights from Sarsawa Airport to Lucknow, Varanasi and Prayagraj have been planned or approved under the said Scheme;
(d) if so, the details thereof along with the expected timeline fixed for the commencement of commercial flights from Sarsawa Airport to these destinations and if not, the reasons therefor along with the steps being taken to initiate such services; and
(e) the total number of passengers who have travelled under the UDAN scheme since its inception, year-wise?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION   (Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a) & (b) : Under the Regional Connectivity Scheme - Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik (RCS-UDAN), 637 routes have been operationalised, connecting 92 unserved and underserved airports, along with 15 heliports and 2 water aerodromes across the country (list at Annexure-I). At present, 10 airlines are operating under the Scheme and over 3.1 lakh flights have taken place till date.

(c) & (d) : During the third round of bidding under the UDAN scheme, Saharanpur (Sarsawa) Airport, owned by the Indian Air Force (IAF), was identified for establishing a civil enclave and for operation of RCS flights. The airport has been developed with an expenditure of Rs. 46.86 Crore under the UDAN scheme and is ready for the commencement of commercial flight operations.

RCS route connecting Saraswa to Varanasi has been awarded to SpiceJet for operations using 78-seater aircraft.

In case, any airline submits valid bid for operation of RCS flights from Saraswa to Prayagraj and Lucknow in future rounds, the same will be considered as per UDAN Scheme provisions.

(e) : The details of total number of passengers travelled under the UDAN scheme, year-wise, is at Annexure- II.

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State-wise List of RCS Airports Operationalized

S No.	State	Airport
1.	**Andhra Pradesh**	Kadapa (Underserved)
2.		Kurnool (Unserved)
3.	**Arunachal Pradesh**	Tezu (Unserved)
4.		Passighat (Unserved)
5.		Hollongi (Unserved)
6.	**Assam**	Jorhat (Underserved)
7.		Lilabari (Underserved)
8.		Tezpur (Underserved)
9.		Rupsi (Unserved)
10.	**Bihar**	Darbhanga (Unserved)
11.	**Chhattisgarh**	Jagdalpur (Unserved)
12.		Bilaspur (Unserved)
13.		Ambikapur (Unserved)
14.	**Daman & Diu**	Diu (Underserved)
15.	**Gujarat**	Bhavnagar (Underserved)
16.		Jamnagar (Underserved)
17.		Kandla (Unserved)
18.		Keshod (Unserved)
19.		Mundra (Unserved)
20.		Porbandar (Underserved)
21.		Statue of Unity (W) (Unserved)
22.		Sabarmati River Front (W) (Unserved)
23.	**Haryana**	Hissar (Unserved)
24.	**Himachal Pradesh**	Shimla (Unserved)
25.		Kullu (Underserved)
26.		Mandi – **Heliport** (Unserved)
27.		Rampur – **Heliport** (Unserved)
28.	**Jharkhand**	Deoghar (Unserved)
29.		Jamshedpur (Unserved)
30.	**Karnataka**	Belgaum (Underserved)
31.		Hubli (Underserved)
32.		Mysore (Unserved)
33.		Vidyanagar (Unserved)
34.		Kalaburgi (Gulbarga) (Unserved)
35.		Bidar (Unserved)
36.		Shivamogga (Unserved)
37.	**Kerala**	Kannur (Unserved)
38.	**Lakshadweep**	Agatti (Underserved)
39.	**Madhya Pradesh**	Gwalior (Underserved)
40.		Rewa (Unserved)
41.		Datia (Unserved)

S No.	State	Airport
42.	**Maharashtra**	Gondia (Unserved)
43.		Jalgaon (Unserved)
44.		Kolhapur (Unserved)
45.		Nanded (Unserved)
46.		Ozar (Nasik) (Unserved)
47.		Sindhudurg (Unserved)
48.		Amravati (Unserved)
49.	**Manipur**	Jiribam **Heliport** (Unserved)
50.		Tamenglong **Heliport** (Unserved)
51.	**Meghalaya**	Shillong (Underserved)
52.	**Nagaland**	Dimapur (Underserved)
53.	**Odisha**	Jharsuguda (Unserved)
54.		Jeypore (Unserved)
55.		Rourkela (Unserved)
56.		Utkela (Unserved)
57.	**Pondicherry (UT)**	Pondicherry (Underserved)
58.	**Punjab**	Adampur (Unserved)
59.		Bhatinda (Unserved)
60.		Ludhiana (Unserved)
61.		Pathankot (Unserved)
62.	**Rajasthan**	Bikaner (Unserved)
63.		Jaisalmer (Unserved)
64.		Kishangarh (Unserved)
65.	**Sikkim**	Pakyong (Unserved)
66.	**Tamil Nadu**	Salem (Unserved)
67.	**Uttar Pradesh**	Agra (Underserved)
68.		Aligarh (Unserved)
69.		Azamgarh (Unserved)
70.		Bareilly (Unserved)
71.		Chitrakoot (Unserved)
72.		Moradabad (Unserved)
73.		Prayagraj (Underserved)
74.		Kanpur (Chakeri) (Unserved)
75.		Hindon (Unserved)
76.		Shravasti (Unserved)
77.		Kushinagar (Unserved)
78.	**Uttarakhand**	Pantnagar (Underserved)
79.		Pithoragarh (Unserved)
80.		Sahastradhara - **Heliport** (Unserved)
81.		Chinyalisaur –**Heliport** (Unserved)
82.		Gaucher –**Heliport**(Unserved)
83.		New Tehri –**Heliport**(Unserved)
84.		Srinagar –**Heliport**(Unserved)

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85.		Haldwani – **Heliport**(Unserved)
86.		Almora – **Heliport** (Unserved)
87.		Champawat – **Heliport**(Unserved)
88.		Munsyari – **Heliport** (Unserved)
89.		Nainital – **Heliport** (Unserved)
90.		Bageshwar – **Heliport** (Unserved)
91.	**West Bengal**	Cooch Behar (Unserved)
92.		Durgapur (Underserved)

Year-wise passengers travelled under the UDAN scheme

Financial Year	Passenger travelled
2017-18	2,63,166
2018-19	12,40,896
2019-20	29,91,337
2020-21	14,98,066
2021-22	32,99,861
2022-23	24,97,361
2023-24	18,65,101
2024-25	14,10,499