

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 4759**  
( TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 21st August 2025 )

**DRONE CORRIDORS FOR KARNATAKA**

4759. SHRI KOTA SRINIVASA POOJARY

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government proposes to build dedicated drone corridors/drone hubs in Karnataka for use in delivery of medical supply, disaster response and agricultural services;
- (b) if so, the details of these specified routes including the districts and areas chosen for implementation;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any initiatives to expand regional air connectivity in the State beyond the capital city of Bengaluru either through the Regional Connectivity Scheme - Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik (RCS-UDAN) or otherwise and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the current status of aviation infrastructure development in hilly and coastal regions of Karnataka?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) and (b) Ministry of Civil Aviation has currently no such proposal under consideration.;

(c) and (d) Under the RCS-UDAN scheme, nine (9) underserved & unserved airports have been identified in Karnataka for development and operation of RCS flights under the UDAN scheme, Bidar, Mysore, Vidyanagar, Hubli Kalaburgi, Belgaum, Shivamogga, Vijayapura, Karwara

Seven airports Bidar, Mysore, Vidyanagar, Hubli Kalaburgi, Belgaum & Shivamogga have already been Operationalized under the UDAN scheme.

Under UDAN 5.2, bids have been received for small aircraft operations (less than 20-seaters) for Bellary and Kolar airstrips.

The State Government of Karnataka has to consent and confirm the availability of land for the development of these airports.

Additionally, following water aerodromes are available in the UDAN scheme document for bidding; Byndoor (Udupi) Karnataka;

Ganeshgudi (Supa Dam Reservoir)

Kabini Dam Reservoir

Kali River estuary (Karwar) Karnataka

Malpe (Udupi) Karnataka  
Mangaluru (Dakshina Kannada)  
Sigandoor (Linganamakki Dam Reservoir)

Under UDAN 5.5, bids have been received for seaplane operations from Mangaluru (Dakshina Kannada) (WA) and Kabini Dam Reservoir (W) in Karnataka. Letters of Intent (LoIs) have been issued for seaplane routes connecting to these water aerodromes.

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