

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1932
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REGIONAL AIR CONNECTIVITY IN KASARAGOD

1932. SHRI RAJMOHAN UNNITHAN

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government has assessed the lack of regional air connectivity for Kasaragod district and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether any proposals have been considered for new regional air routes under UDAN for Kasaragod district and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the expected bidding, operator selection and timeline fixed for commencement of such routes?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): RCS-UDAN is a market-driven, ongoing scheme aimed at providing affordable air connectivity to unserved and underserved areas. The list of such airstrips, heliports and water aerodromes is finalised in consultation with State Governments. Bidding rounds are conducted periodically for provision of connectivity on the listed airstrips.

The State government of Kerala has not indicated the existence of any airstrip in Kasargod district for inclusion in the UDAN Scheme.

However, the Kasaragod Water Aerodrome proposed by the Government of Kerala is included in the tentative list of water aerodromes under the UDAN Scheme Document.

During the UDAN 5.5 bidding round, bids were received for Kasaragod (Water Aerodrome) and a Letter of Intent (LoI) has been issued for seaplane operations on routes connecting Kasaragod with Mangalore and Kannur.

As per the scheme provisions, the required infrastructure for the water aerodrome is to be developed by the State Government of Kerala. Commencement of operation is subject to the readiness of infrastructure and the operator..
