

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1996**  
( TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 11th December 2025 )

**DEVELOPMENT OF HELIPORTS/HELIPADS AND RUNWAYS IN  
GUJARAT**

1996. SHRI JASWANTSINH SUMANBHAI BHABHOR

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government is considering developing Heliports/Helipads and short runways in the eastern tribal regions of Gujarat including Dahod, Panchmahal and Chhota Udepur while connecting newly licensed airports under the UDAN network and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the success rate of the eastern Gujarat zone in the latest phases of UDAN; and
- (c) whether routes such as Dahod-Bhopal-Indore-Vadodara are being prioritised and if so, the details thereof?

**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, airports and water aerodromes is finalised in consultation with State Governments. Bidding rounds are conducted periodically, and airlines submit proposals based on their assessment of route demand. Airports or heliports included in awarded UDAN routes that require upgradation for commencement of operations are developed under the 'Revival of Unserved and Underserved Airports' scheme.

The State Government of Gujarat has not indicated the existence of any airstrip/helipad in Dahod, Panchmahal and Chhota Udepur for inclusion in the tentative list of unserved airstrips/helipads in the UDAN Scheme document. ;

Presently, in the state of Gujarat a total of 8 airports have been operationalised connecting 71 routes under the UDAN Scheme.

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