

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 709**

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**ROUTES UNDER UDAN SCHEME**

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION **नागर विमानन मंत्री** be pleased to state:-

- (a) the progress made so far under the UDAN scheme in the country, particularly with regard to connecting remote and regional areas; (b) the number of routes allocated along with the number of routes on which operations have commenced under the said scheme in the country, State-wise including Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh;
- (c) the various special measures taken by the Government to ensure uninterrupted flight operations on the said routes; and
- (d) whether the Government proposes to introduce more routes under the said scheme and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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(a) & (b): Since the commencement of the Regional Connectivity Scheme Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik (RCS-UDAN), a total of 923 valid RCS routes have been awarded, out of which 651 routes have been operationalised, connecting 93 unserved and underserved airports, including 15 heliports and 2 water aerodromes across the nation. So far, over 1.57 crore domestic passengers have travelled on more than 3.27 lakh RCS flights.

(c) and (d): In order to ensure uninterrupted flight operations on these routes, the government provides viability gap funding (VGF) to airlines, supports the upgrading of regional airports, and encourages operational flexibility. Further, routes that were discontinued in the past rounds are also rebid, awarded and operationalised in subsequent rounds. Further, steps such as increased adoption of technologies like Special Visual Flight Rules and Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) standards at feasible airports for all-weather operations have also been taken.

To further enhance regional connectivity, the Government has announced the modified UDAN Scheme to connect 120 new destinations across the country, catering to 4 crore passengers in the next 10 years.

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