

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. : 1

(To be answered on the 29th January 2026)

REGIONAL AIR CONNECTIVITY IN TAMIL NADU

*1. SHRI C N ANNADURAI SHRI
 SELVAM G

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

- (a) whether Tiruvannamalai and Kanchipuram districts of Tamil Nadu have been considered for inclusion under the Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik (UDAN) Scheme for improving regional air connectivity;
- (b) if so, the details of the proposals received or airports/airstrips identified in the said districts for development under the UDAN scheme;
- (c) whether any feasibility studies or site inspections have been conducted for establishing regional air services or air tourism facilities in the said districts and if so, the findings thereof;
- (d) the expected timeline for approval and commencement of such projects; and
- (e) the likely impact of UDAN connectivity on tourism, pilgrimage travel and local employment in the said districts?

ANSWER

Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

(Shri Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu)

(a) & (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) to (E) IN RESPECT OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 1 FOR REPLY ON 29.01.2026 REGARDING 'REGIONAL AIR CONNECTIVITY IN TAMIL NADU' ASKED BY SHRI C N ANNADURAI AND SHRI SELVAMG

(a) to (e): Under the UDAN Scheme, the list of unserved and underserved airports is finalized in consultation with the respective State Governments and is included in the scheme document for bidding. As per provisions of the UDAN Scheme, revival / up-gradation of unserved and underserved airports is undertaken upon its identification through valid bid and award to the Selected Airline Operator (SAO).

At present, no airstrip located in the Tiruvannamalai and Kanchipuram districts of Tamil Nadu is included in the tentative list of unserved airstrips under the Scheme. However, in principle approval has been given by this Ministry in April 2025 for development of Parandur Green Field Airport in Kanchipuram District. Further, if the State Government of Tamil Nadu confirms the existence of airstrips in Tiruvannamalai district and requests for its inclusion in the scheme document, the same may be considered.

UDAN has strengthened the unserved and underserved regions by improving connectivity and accessibility, boosting tourism and industry, enhancing access to healthcare, and generating direct and indirect employment. Moreover, the Government has announced the Modified UDAN Scheme to expand regional connectivity to 120 new destinations nationwide targeting 4 crore passengers over the next 10 years.
