

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1031
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 5th February 2026)

VIABILITY GAP FUNDING UNDER UDAN FOR UTTAR PRADESH

1031. SHRI TANUJ PUNIA

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government considers providing Viability Gap Funding (VGF) for low demand routes in Uttar Pradesh under UDAN Scheme; and
(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): Under the Regional Connectivity Scheme -Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik (RCS-UDAN), airlines are provided Viability Gap Funding (VGF) for a period of three years from the commencement of operations on the awarded routes.

Since the inception of the scheme, an amount of approximately Rs 450 crore has been released to airline operators towards Viability Gap Funding for the operationalisation of 87 RCS routes connecting airports in Uttar Pradesh.
