

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION**  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1062**  
( TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 5th February 2026 )

**UDAN SCHEME FOR MAHARASHTRA**

1062. ADV. GOWAAL KAGADA PADAVI

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the Regional Connectivity Scheme - Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik (RCS-UDAN) has facilitated over 3.23 lakh flights and carried more than 1.56 crore passengers during the last nine years since its launch thereby enhancing air-accessibility in Tier2/3 and remote regions and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of routes and airports added under the said scheme during 2024-25 and 2025-26 in Maharashtra, particularly in tribal or backward districts including Nandurbar that previously lacked air-connectivity;
- (c) whether special incentives or concessional Viability-Gap Funding (VGF) is offered for airports/air-strips and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the mechanism in place to monitor utilisation, service sustainability and whether remote airports meet performance benchmarks and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the expected timeline fixed for full operationalisation of UDAN routes in all districts of Maharashtra and the time by which a district-wise status report for airports would be published?

**ANSWER**

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

(a): As on 20.01.2026, a total of 657 routes have been operationalised, connecting 93 unserved and underserved airports, including 15 heliports and 2 water aerodromes carrying over 160 lakhs domestic passengers on more than 3.36 lakh RCS flights under the Regional Connectivity Scheme- Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik (RCS-UDAN).

(b): The details of number of RCS routes and airports added under the during 2024-25 and 2025-26 in Maharashtra are given below:

RCS routes operationalised in Maharashtra:

2024-25: 16

2025-26: 06

RCS airports operationalised in Maharashtra:

2024-25: Nil

2025-26: 01 (Amravati)

(c): Viability Gap Funding (VGF) is provided to selected airlines to bridge the gap between operating costs and expected revenues on RCS routes.

(d): For utilisation and sustainability, bidding rounds are conducted from time to time to make the airport served. With regard to performance benchmarks, airports developed under the scheme are no-frills airports and are duly licensed by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), with requisite safety and security provisions in place and periodic reviews are undertaken based on operational continuity, passenger demand, and route viability.

(e): The operationalisation of UDAN routes across districts of Maharashtra is progressive and demand-driven and depends on factors such as airport infrastructure readiness, airline availability and State support. Status of airports and routes under RCS are regularly reviewed as part of UDAN review and monitoring exercise.

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