GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1109
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 5th February 2026)

NON-SELECTION OF REGIONS UNDER RCS-UDAN

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

be pleased to state:-

(a) whether the Government maintains the list of regions assessed but not selected for connectivity under the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS)-UDAN;
(b) if so, the details thereof, district/Lok Sabha Constituency-wise including the interior districts of Telangana, particularly Nagarkurnool Lok Sabha Constituency;
(c) whether socio-economic indicators such as backwardness, SC/ST population share and distance from nearest airport are weighted in RCS evaluation and if so, the details thereof; and
(d) the manner in which the inclusiveness is ensured under the said scheme?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d):Regional Connectivity Scheme-Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik (RCS-UDAN) is market driven scheme in which unserved and underserved airstrips/airports are listed in consultation with the State Government concerned for bidding by airlines to provide connectivity. Based on their assessment of demand on particular routes, interested airlines submit their proposals at the time of bidding under UDAN. An airport which is included in the awarded routes of UDAN and requires upgradation/development for commencement of UDAN operations, is developed under the 'Revival of unserved and underserved airports' scheme.

In the state of Telangana, Adilabad, Aleru, Basantnagar (Peddapalli) & Kagazpur airstrips are available in the tentative list of unserved airstrips in the UDAN document.

Inclusiveness under the scheme is ensured through uniform eligibility criteria, financial support in the form of Viability Gap Funding (VGF), concessions on airport charges, and focus on unserved and underserved airports, which collectively aim to improve air connectivity in remote, hilly, tribal, and aspirational regions based on market response and operational feasibility.

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