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DEVELOPMENT OF AIRPORTS UNDER UDAN SCHEME

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

- (a) (a) the number of new airports commissioned recently for smaller towns under the UDAN scheme in Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat
- (b) the details of total operational routes and new airports under the UDAN scheme in Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat and the plans to extend the UDAN scheme beyond 2027 to additional underserved regions in the States;
- (c) whether the Government has launched a pilot “Fares Se Fursat” scheme with fixed low airfares to ensure affordable air travel and stabilise ticket prices for citizens, particularly under the UDAN framework and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the details regarding the development of around 120 new destinations and the measures proposed to enable affordable air travel for an additional 4 crore passengers; and
- (e) the present status of the UDAN café initiative including the number of cafés currently operational along with the details of the airports at which they have been established?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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(a) to (d): RCS-UDAN is market driven scheme in which the unserved and underserved airstrips/airports are listed for bidding by airlines to provide connectivity. 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. Three airports namely, Gwalior, Rewa and Datia have been operationalised under the

UDAN Scheme in the State of Madhya Pradesh Further, greenfield airports are not taken up for development under the UDAN scheme.

A total of 43 & 71 RCS routes have been operationalised in the State of Madhya Pradesh & Gujarat, respectively.

Alliance Air has introduced a one route, one fare scheme named "Fare se Fursat" on selected routes for travel dates from 13 October 2025 to 31 December 2025. The scheme which is not under UDAN offered fixed fares on some of their routes.

The Government has announced the launch of the modified UDAN Scheme to increase regional connectivity to 120 new destinations across the country, to cater to 4 crore passengers over the next 10 years. The Scheme will be effective after approval from the competent authority.

(e): UDAN Yatri Cafe is a budget-friendly initiative designed to provide affordable, hygienic, and quality food and beverages to travellers at airports. UDAN Yatri Cafes are currently operational at Kolkata, Chennai, Pune, Bhubaneswar, Vijayawada and Hollongi.
