

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 2191
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 12th February 2026)

DEVELOPMENT OF AIRPORTS UNDER UDAN SCHEME

2191. SHRI ABHISHEK BANERJEE

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

be pleased to state:-

- (a) the details and the number of airports developed under the UDAN scheme that are currently non-operational or temporarily non-operational, State-wise;
- (b) the total expenditure incurred on the construction, maintenance and upkeep of such airports since 2017 including the amount spent during the last three years;
- (c) the total subsidy or Viability Gap Funding (VGF) released for routes connected to these airports and the duration for which such subsidies were provided; and
- (d) whether any assessment has been undertaken to examine the commercial and operational viability of these airports after the withdrawal of subsidies and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): As on 20.01.2026, 93 unserved and underserved airports (including 12 heliports and 2 water aerodromes) have been developed and operationalised across the country under the UDAN Scheme.

The details of non-operational airports are as follows:

1. Ambikapur in Chhattisgarh
2. Bhavnagar in Gujarat
3. Shimla in Himachal Pradesh
4. Kalaburgi in Karnataka
5. Datia in Madhya Pradesh
6. Ludhiana and Pathankot in Punjab
7. Pakyong in Sikkim
8. Kushinagar, Aligarh, Azamgarh, Chitrakoot, Shravasti and Moradabad in Uttar Pradesh
9. Cooch Behar in West Bengal;

A total of Rs. 831.33 Cr. has been incurred towards the development of the said airports. There is no provision under the UDAN Scheme for the management and upkeep of non-operational airports. Further, an amount of Rs. 260.2 Cr. has been disbursed so far towards VGF for routes connecting these airports.

(d): Under the UDAN (RCS) Scheme, the commercial and operational viability of airports and routes is assessed through a market-based bidding process, wherein routes are awarded with Viability Gap Funding (VGF) support for a fixed period of three years, after which airlines are expected to operate without subsidy based on passenger demand and commercial feasibility.
