

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 3410
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 12th March 2026)

**DEVELOPMENT OF AIRPORTS, HELIPORTS AND WATER
AERODROMES**

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

be pleased to state:-

(a) the details and the total number of airports, heliports and water aerodromes sanctioned and operationalised under the Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik (UDAN) scheme since its inception across the country, State/UT-wise particularly in Telangana;

(b) whether any new airports or airstrips are proposed to be developed under the UDAN scheme in Telangana and if so, the details thereof, district-wise; and

(c) the measures taken to improve regional air connectivity, passenger traffic and economic development through UDAN scheme across the country, particularly in Telangana?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): Under the Regional Connectivity Scheme-UDAN, as on 28.02.2026, 663 routes connecting 95 unserved and underserved airports (including 17 heliports and 2 water aerodromes) have been operationalised. The list of airports operationalised since the inception of the Scheme is placed at Annexure.

In the State of Telangana, Adilabad, Aleru, Basantnagar (Peddapalli) and Kagazpur airports are included in the tentative list of unserved airports in the UDAN document. Further, 58 RCS routes have been operationalised in the State.;

To ensure the affordability of regional air travel, the UDAN scheme provides financial incentives to airline operators on regional routes that include: Concessions by the Central Government, State Governments/ Union Territories and airport operators to reduce airline operation costs and also the Viability Gap Funding (VGF) to bridge the gap between operational costs and expected revenues on such routes. The airfare on the RCS seats on which VGF is

provided to the Selected Airline Operators (SAOs) is for a 3-year tenure and is capped at a subsidized rate, which is liable to be indexed every quarter. The above measures aim to strengthen affordability, accessibility and overall passenger convenience in the aviation sector, thereby promoting regional development and economic growth.

Annexure

List of 95 RCS Airports operationalized as on 28.02.2026

| S No. | State | Airport | Date of Operationalization |
|--------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | Kadapa (Underserved) | 27-April-2017 |
| 2. | | Kurnool (Unserved) | 28-March 2021 |
| 3. | Arunachal Pradesh | Tezu (Unserved) | 15-August-2021 |
| 4. | | Passighat (Unserved) | 24-May 2021 |
| 5. | | Hollongi (Unserved) | 15-January-2023 |
| 6. | Assam | Jorhat (Underserved) | 1-August-2018 |
| 7. | | Lilabari (Underserved) | 15-January-2019 |
| 8. | | Tezpur (Underserved) | 26-April-2018 |
| 9. | | Rupsi (Unserved) | 8-May 2021 |
| 10. | Bihar | Darbhanga (Unserved) | 08-November-2020 |
| 11. | | Purnea (Unserved) | 15-September-2025 |
| 12. | Chhattisgarh | Jagdalpur (Unserved) | 14-June-2018 |
| 13. | | Bilaspur (Unserved) | 1-March-2021 |
| 14. | | Ambikapur (Unserved) | 19-December-2024 |
| 15. | Daman & Diu | Diu (Underserved) | 24-February-2018 |
| 16. | Gujarat | Bhavnagar (Underserved) | 1-May-2018 |
| 17. | | Jamnagar (Underserved) | 17-February-2018 |
| 18. | | Kandla (Unserved) | 1-July-2017 |
| 19. | | Keshod (Unserved) | 16-April-2022 |

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| 20. | | Mundra (Unservd) | 17-February-2018 |
| 21. | | Porbandar (Underserved) | 10-July-2017 |
| 22. | | Statue of Unity (W) (Unservd) | 31-October-2020 |
| 23. | | Sabarmati River Front (W) (Unservd) | 31-October-2020 |
| 24. | Haryana | Hissar (Unservd) | 14-January-2021 |
| 25. | Himachal Pradesh | Shimla (Unservd) | 27-April-2017 |
| 26. | | Kullu (Underserved) | 13-May-2019 |
| 27. | | Mandi – Heliport (Unservd) | 09-December-2021 |
| 28. | | Rampur – Heliport (Unservd) | 14-December-2021 |
| 29. | | Reckong Peo - Heliport | 21-January-2026 |
| 30. | | Shimla (Sanjoli) - Heliport | 21-January-2026 |
| 31. | Jharkhand | Deoghar (Unservd) | 12-July-2022 |
| 32. | | Jamshedpur (Unservd) | 31-January-2023 |
| 33. | Karnataka | Belgaum (Underserved) | 1-May-2019 |
| 34. | | Hubli (Underserved) | 14-May-2018 |
| 35. | | Mysore (Unservd) | 2-September-2017 |
| 36. | | Vidyanagar (Unservd) | 21-September-2017 |
| 37. | | Kalaburgi (Gulbarga) (Unservd) | 22-November-2019 |
| 38. | | Bidar (Unservd) | 07-February-2020 |
| 39. | | Shivamogga (Unservd) | 21-November-2023 |
| 40. | Kerala | Kannur (Unservd) | 25-January-2019 |

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| 41. | Lakshadweep | Agatti (Underserved) | 18-April-2024 |
| 42. | Madhya Pradesh | Gwalior (Underserved) | 31-May-2017 |
| 43. | | Rewa (Unserved) | 25-November-2024 |
| 44. | | Datia (Unserved) | 31-May-2025 |
| 45. | Maharashtra | Gondia (Unserved) | 13-March-2022 |
| 46. | | Jalgaon (Unserved) | 23-December-2017 |
| 47. | | Kolhapur (Unserved) | 8-April-2018 |
| 48. | | Nanded (Unserved) | 27-April-2017 |
| 49. | | Ozar (Nasik) (Unserved) | 23-December-2017 |
| 50. | | Sindhudurg (Unserved) | 9-October-2021 |
| 51. | | Amravati (Unserved) | 16-April-2025 |
| 52. | Manipur | Jiribam Heliport (Unserved) | 13-March-2024 |
| 53. | | Tamenglong Heliport (Unserved) | 13-March-2024 |
| 54. | Meghalaya | Shillong (Underserved) | 26-April-2018 |
| 55. | Nagaland | Dimapur (Underserved) | 07-December-2019 |
| 56. | Odisha | Jharsuguda (Unserved) | 22-September-2018 |
| 57. | | Jeypore (Unserved) | 03-August-2022 |
| 58. | | Rourkela (Unserved) | 07-January-2023 |
| 59. | | Utkela (Unserved) | 31-August-2023 |
| 60. | Pondicherry (UT) | Pondicherry (Underserved) | 16-August-2017 |
| 61. | Punjab | Adampur (Unserved) | 1-May-2018 |
| 62. | | Bhatinda (Unserved) | 27-April-2017 |
| 63. | | Ludhiana (Unserved) | 2-September-2017 |

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| 64. | | Pathankot (Unserved) | 5-April-2018 |
| 65. | Rajasthan | Bikaner (Unserved) | 26-September-2017 |
| 66. | | Jaisalmer (Unserved) | 29-October-2017 |
| 67. | | Kishangarh (Unserved) | 8-October-2018 |
| 68. | Sikkim | Pakyong (Unserved) | 4-October-2018 |
| 69. | Tamil Nadu | Salem (Unserved) | 25-March-2018 |
| 70. | Uttar Pradesh | Agra (Underserved) | 8-December-2017 |
| 71. | | Aligarh (Unserved) | 11-March-2024 |
| 72. | | Azamgarh (Unserved) | 11-March-2024 |
| 73. | | Bareilly (Unserved) | 08-March-2021 |
| 74. | | Chitrakoot (Unserved) | 12-March-2024 |
| 75. | | Moradabad (Unserved) | 10-August-2024 |
| 76. | | Prayagraj (Underserved) | 14-June-2018 |
| 77. | | Kanpur (Chakeri) (Unserved) | 3-July-2018 |
| 78. | | Hindon (Unserved) | 11-October-2019 |
| 79. | | Shravasti (Unserved) | 12-March-2024 |
| 80. | | Kushinagar (Unserved) | 26-November-2021 |
| 81. | Uttarakhand | Pantnagar (Underserved) | 4-January-2019 |
| 82. | | Pithoragarh (Unserved) | 17-January-2019 |
| 83. | | Sahastradhara - Heliport (Unserved) | 08-February-2020 |
| 84. | | Chinyalisaur – Heliport (Unserved) | 08-February-2020 |
| 85. | | Gaucher – Heliport | 08-February-2020 |

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| | | (Unservd) | |
| 86. | | New Tehri – Heliport (Unservd) | 29-July-2020 |
| 87. | | Srinagar – Heliport (Unservd) | 29-July-2020 |
| 88. | | Haldwani – Heliport (Unservd) | 8-October-2021 |
| 89. | | Almora – Heliport (Unservd) | 26-August-2022 |
| 90. | | Champawat – Heliport (Unservd) | 22-February-2024 |
| 91. | | Munshyari – Heliport (Unservd) | 22-February-2024 |
| 92. | | Nainital – Heliport (Unservd) | 12-March-2025 |
| 93. | | Bageshwar – Heliport (Unservd) | 12-March-2025 |
| 94. | West Bengal | Cooch Behar (Unservd) | 21-February-2023 |
| 95. | | Durgapur (Underservd) | 25-June-2019 |