

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 4434**  
( TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 19th March 2026 )

**OPERATIONALISATION OF UDAN 6.0**

4434. SHRI SASIKANTH SENTHIL

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

be pleased to state:-

(a) whether the Government has launched 'UDAN 6.0' specifically focusing on last-mile connectivity for hilly and remote terrains as of early 2026 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of unserved airports that have become commercially operational during the current financial year;

(c) whether the Government has notified the final guidelines for 'Vertiports' to facilitate Electric Vertical Take-off and Landing (eVTOL) aircraft in metropolitan cities and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the updates on 'Drone Airspace Map' to allow middle-mile delivery for medical supplies in rural areas?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) and (b): 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 also support helipads and smaller airports in hilly, aspirational, and North East region districts. The scheme is presently at the approval stage.

During FY 2025-26, five aerodromes (including two heliports) namely Amravati, Datia, Purnea, Reckong Peo (H) and Sanjoli (H) have been operationalized under the Regional Connectivity Scheme-Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik (RCS-UDAN) Scheme.

(c): The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has published Guidance material for design, Operation and Authorization of Vertiports to facilitate Electrical Vertical Take-off Landing (eVTOL) on 5th September 2024 (available on DGCA website at [www.dgca.gov.in](http://www.dgca.gov.in) under :Drone & AAM" tab in

the homepage). The document provides comprehensive design and operational guidance for Vertiports, ensuring safe and efficient integration of unconventional VTOL/STOL aircraft into urban and rural environments.

(d): At present, no such specific provision of technology relating to middle-mile delivery of medical supplies in rural areas is available on the 'Drone Airspace Map'."

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