

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 51

(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 29th January 2026)

UDAN SCHEME IN NORTH-EASTERN REGION

51. SHRI SAPTAGIRI SANKAR ULAKA Will the Minister of
CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government is aware that several hill and border districts of the North-Eastern Region, especially in Manipur, continue to lack reliable air connectivity, affecting medical emergencies, disaster response, economic activity and national integration despite the implementation of the UDAN scheme and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of airports, heliports and routes sanctioned, operationalised and discontinued under UDAN scheme in each North-Eastern State since its inception;
- (c) whether the Government has received any proposal or demand for establishing a greenfield airport or upgrading any existing airstrip at Churachandpur district of Manipur, one of the largest and most remote hill districts of the State and if so, the details and present status thereof; and
- (d) whether any feasibility study, land identification or technical survey has been carried out for an airport in or around Churachandpur and if so, the details thereof along with the timeline fixed for providing air connectivity to the district under UDAN scheme?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): The Government is aware that several hill and border districts in the North-Eastern Region, including Manipur, face challenges in air connectivity. To address this, under the Regional Connectivity Scheme-Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik (RCS-UDAN) scheme, helicopter and fixed-wing routes are being developed to improve connectivity to remote, hilly and underserved region. The heliports namely, Jiribam, Moreh, Parbung, Tamenglong, and Thanlon were identified for RCS helicopter operations during the 2nd round of bidding under UDAN in the State of Manipur.

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Till date, 34 RCS routes (fixed-wing and helicopter) have been awarded in Manipur, out of which 20, including 6 helicopter routes, are operational. The State-wise summary of valid, operationalised, and discontinued routes in North-Eastern States is placed at

Annexure.;

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Further, as per the Greenfield Airport Policy-2008, no proposal for construction of a Greenfield airport in Churachandpur district has been received so far.;

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No feasibility study, land identification, or technical survey has been conducted for an airport in or around Churachandpur. However, under UDAN 5.5, the Churachandpur helipad has been identified for development and RCS routes connecting it to Mualpui (Mizoram) have been awarded to Pawan Has Limited (PHL).

Annexure

STATEWISE SUMMARY OF NER ROUTES UNDER RCS-UDAN

Sr. No.	State	No. of valid RCS routes awarded	No. of RCS routes operationalised	No. of routes discontinued
1	Arunachal Pradesh	16	10	2
2	Assam	59	36	16
3	Manipur	24	13	3
4	Meghalaya	11	9	6
5	Mizoram	11	2	2
6	Nagaland	17	4	2
7	Sikkim	6	3	3
8	Tripura	7	3	2