

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 13
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 21st July 2025)**

STATUS OF SEA PLANE OPERATIONS IN THE COUNTRY

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:-

- (a) the details of proposals submitted and approved for sea plane operations in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the total budget required/sought and allocated for sea planes project;
- (c) the status of sea plane projects in the States of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana;
- (d) whether it is a fact that DGCA has amended regulatory framework governing seaplane operations in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a): Ministry of Civil Aviation introduced seaplane operations from water aerodromes under the Regional Connectivity Scheme - Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik 3.0 (RCS-UDAN 3.0). During various rounds of bidding, 32 valid seaplane routes have been awarded, connecting 25 water aerodromes in the States/UTs of Gujarat, Assam, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Goa, Himachal Pradesh, and Lakshadweep for seaplane operations.

(b): An amount of Rs. 122.52 Crore has been allocated so far for the development of water-aerodromes under the UDAN Scheme.

(c): Under UDAN 5.5, Letters of Intent(LoI) have been issued to the airline operators for bids connecting the following water bodies in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana: Araku(W), Gandikota(W), Kakinada(W), Konaseema(W), Lambasingi(W), Narsapur(W), Prakasam Barrage(W), Rushikonda(W), Srisailem(W), Tirupati(W) and Nagarjuna Sagar(W)

(d) & (e): DGCA has revised the existing regulatory framework for the operation of seaplanes in the country with the promulgation of the following revised CARs. CAR Section 3 Series C Part IX containing "Minimum Safety Requirements for

Seaplane Operations" and

CAR Section 7 Series B Part XVI containing "Training requirements for issue of Seaplane Rating"

The revised regulations simplify training requirements and approval processes for seaplane operations as well as simplify requirements for Site Selection, Specification and Operations of water-aerodromes.
