

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 5
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 21st July 2025)**

AIRPORTS AND AIRSTRIPS UNDER UDAN

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to develop and expand airports and airstrips at various places in the country under UDAN scheme and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of the airports developed/expanded/ renovated and new airports proposed to be constructed under UDAN scheme in the country including the State of Tamil Nadu;
- (c) the details of the funds allocated and utilized under UDAN scheme during the last five years within the State of Tamil Nadu; and
- (d) whether Government has fixed any target in this regard, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a) & (b): Regional Connectivity Scheme - Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik (RCS-UDAN) is a market driven Scheme where bidding rounds are conducted from time to time to cover more destinations and routes. Based on their assessment of demand on particular routes, interested airlines submit their proposals connecting the Airports at the time of bidding under UDAN. Revival / up-gradation of unserved and underserved airstrips is undertaken upon its identification through a valid bid and award to the Selected Airline Operator (SAO).

Under the Scheme, 637 no. of RCS routes connecting 92 unserved and underserved airports, including 15 heliports and 2 water aerodromes have been operationalized across the country.

The Government has recently announced the modified UDAN Scheme to increase regional connectivity to 120 new destinations and to cater 4 crore passengers in the next 10 years.

In the state of Tamil Nadu, four airports viz. Salem, Vellore, Neyveli and Tanjore have been identified for the development and operation of RCS flights.

(c): Funds amounting to Rs. 99.13 Crore have been allocated and utilized during

the last five years within Tamil Nadu under the UDAN Scheme.

(d): The timeline for the completion of an airport project depends upon various factors such as land acquisition, mandatory clearances, removal of obstacles, financial closure etc. by the respective airport developers.
