

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
Rajya Sabha
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 162
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 3rd February 2021
WATER AERODROMES

162. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI

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

- (a) whether Government has evolved any concrete plan to provide the facility of water aerodromes after the successful launch of seaplane services between Statue of Unity and Sabarmati Riverfront in Ahmedabad;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) whether such a facility would help the fliers, if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

**Minister of State (IC) in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION
(Shri Hardeep Singh Puri)**

(a) to (c): To usher in a new era of Air Travel in India, Ministry of Civil Aviation has already introduced a new mode of transportation i.e. seaplane operations from water aerodromes under UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik). Airports Authority of India (AAI), the implementing agency has awarded seaplane routes connecting 12 Water Aerodromes across the country. Under the UDAN scheme, water bodies identified through transparent bidding process are developed under "Revival of unserved and underserved airports/water-aerodromes etc" scheme for sea plane operations. Under UDAN, affordable airfare are offered. This will also help connecting remote/tourist areas and reduces travel time.
