

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION**  
**Rajya Sabha**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 2573**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 11th August 2021**  
**AIRPORTS UNDER RCS-UDAN IN KARNATAKA**

**2573. DR. L. HANUMANTHAIAH**

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

- (a) the details of the airports selected under UDAN scheme for domestic travel in Karnataka so far;**
- (b) the airports which are ready and to be developed for the UDAN scheme in Karnataka;**
- (c) whether there has been demands for Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS)-UDAN in Karnataka State, if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) the budget allocation for RCS-UDAN in last three years, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

**Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION (GEN. (DR)  
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**(a) to (d): Ministry of Civil Aviation has launched Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS)- UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) scheme on 21-10-2016 to facilitate / stimulate regional air connectivity and make air travel affordable to the masses. Seven (7) airports, namely, Bidar, Mysore, Vidyanagar, Koppal (Baldota), Hubli, Kalaburgi, Belgaum have been identified for operationalization of UDAN flights. Out of these 7 airports, 6 airports except Koppal (Baldota) have been made operationalized.**

**UDAN is a market driven scheme. Under the scheme, airlines assess demand and nature of supply required on particular route and based on their analysis participate in the bidding process to be conducted from time to time. The primary objective of UDAN is to facilitate / stimulate regional air connectivity by making it affordable. Promoting affordability of regional air connectivity is envisioned under UDAN by supporting Selected Airline Operators (SAOs) through concession by Central Government, State Governments/UTs and airport operators to reduce the cost of airline operations on regional routes and financial (Viability Gap Funding or VGF) support to meet the gap, if any,**

**between the cost of airline operations and expected revenues on such UDAN routes. Till 30.06.2021, Rs. 58.76 Cr has been expended for development of airports in Karnataka under UDAN.**

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