

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
Rajya Sabha
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 16
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 29th November 2021
PLAN FOR EXPANSION AND CONSTRUCTION OF NEW
AIRPORTS IN UTTARAKHAND

16. SHRI NARESH BANSAL

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

- (a) whether there is any plan for expansion and construction of new airports in Uttarakhand;**
- (b) whether Government has given priority to the implementation of UDAN scheme for the tourism development in the State; and**
- (c) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION (GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD))

(a): Ministry of Civil Aviation launched Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) on 21-10-2016 to stimulate regional air connectivity and making air travel affordable to the masses. Uttarakhand is included in the RCS - UDAN as a Priority Area. UDAN is a market driven scheme. The interested airlines based on their assessment of demand on particular routes submit their proposals at the time of bidding under UDAN from time to time. The Implementing Agency, Airports Authority of India (AAI), has awarded RCS - UDAN routes connecting Pantnagar and Pithoragarh with fixed wing. Under UDAN, following heliports have been identified for development/revival & operation of Helicopter routes:

(i) Almora

(ii) Sahastradhara

(iii) Chinyalisaur

(iv) Mussourie

(v) New Tehri

(vi) Ramnagar

(vii) Dharchula

(viii) Haldwani

(ix) Gauchar

(x) Joshimath

(xi) Sri Nagar

(xii) Haridwar

(xiii) Nainital

Selected Airline Operators (SAOs) have commenced helicopter operations under UDAN from Sahastradhara, Chinyalisaur, Gauchar, New Tehri, Haldwani and Srinagar under Non-Scheduled Operator Permit (NSOP) category.

(b) & (c): Airports at Dehradun, Pantnagar and Pithoragarh and Heliports/Helipads of Almora, Sahastradhara, Chinyalisaur, Mussourie, New Tehri, Ramnagar, Dharchula, Haldwani, Gauchar, Joshimath, Srinagar, Haridwar and Nainital are the tourist destinations in Uttarakhand, which have been awarded under RCS - UDAN.
