

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
Rajya Sabha
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1295
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 14th March 2022
SETTING UP HELIPORT IN EACH DISTRICT

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

(a) the action plan devised by Government for doubling the airports and taking the number to over 200 by the year 2023-24; and

(b) the steps taken by Government for setting up at least one heliport in each district?

ANSWER

**Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION
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(a): Ministry of Civil Aviation has 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. UDAN is a market driven scheme. Interested airlines based on their assessment of demand on particular routes submit their proposals at the time of bidding under UDAN. Under this scheme, the Government has set a target to operationalise 100 additional airports by 2024. As on 07.03.2022, 65 airports (including 8 heliports & 02 water aerodromes) have been operationalised across the country under UDAN.

(b): Ministry of Civil Aviation has released a policy for promotion of helicopter operations across the country. As per the policy, State Governments/UTs are encouraged to set up an Institutional mechanism to facilitate helicopter operations by obtaining permissions, approvals, clearances, etc. Ministry of Civil Aviation has also requested the State Governments and UTs to consider setting up helipads in each district for promoting helicopter operations. The Government, through this policy, aims to stimulate

air traffic and enhance air connectivity through helicopters by facilitating helicopter operations across the country.
