

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 1303
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 13th March 2023)**

KRISHI UDAN SCHEME

1303. SMT SUMITRA BALMIK

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

- (a) whether Government is implementing the Krishi Udan scheme to provide air transport and logistic support for perishable agricultural products;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the amount allocated for the scheme since its commencement; and
- (c) the details of the implementation of Krishi Udan Yojana in Madhya Pradesh?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD))

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Krishi Udan Scheme was launched in August 2020 to assist farmers in transporting agricultural products so that it improves their value realization. Krishi Udan Scheme 2.0 was announced on 27 October 2021 enhancing the existing provisions, mainly focusing on transporting perishable food products from the hilly areas, North Eastern States and tribal areas. The scheme primarily covers 25 airports focusing on North Eastern, Hilly and Tribal region besides 33 airports in other regions/areas.

Krishi Udan Scheme is a convergence scheme where eight Ministries/Departments namely Ministry of Civil Aviation, Department of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Food Processing Industries, Department of Commerce, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Ministry of Development of North-Eastern Region would leverage their existing schemes to strengthen the logistics for transportation of Agri-produce. There is no specific budget allocation under Krishi Udan Scheme. However, Airports Authority of India (AAI) provides full waiver of Landing, Parking, Terminal Navigational Landing Charges (TNLC) and Route Navigation Facility Charges (RNFC) for Indian freighters and P2C (Passenger-to-Cargo) Aircraft at its selected Krishi Udan airports.

(c) Bhopal, Jabalpur and Indore airports in Madhya Pradesh are included under Krishi Udan Scheme. Details of perishable cargo tonnage handled for the last three

years at these airports are as under:

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23 (till Jan. 23)
Bhopal :	44 MT	194 MT	93 MT
Indore :	387 MT	354 MT	539 MT
Jabalpur :	-	--	2 MT
