

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO : 10
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 22nd July 2024)**

UDAN SCHEME IN MAHARASHTRA

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

- (a) the details of the airports selected/proposed under Ude Desh Ka Aam Naagrik (UDAN) scheme for domestic travel in the State of Maharashtra;
- (b) the details of the airports which are ready to be developed under the UDAN scheme in Maharashtra;
- (c) whether there is demand for connecting more airports from Maharashtra and if so, the details thereof including destinations already connected and those in the pipeline; and
- (d) whether any survey was conducted with regard to the airstrips under UDAN scheme in Maharashtra and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (D) IN RESPECT OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 10 FOR REPLY ON 22.07.2024 REGARDING UDAN SCHEME IN MAHARASHTRA ASKED BY DR. AJEET MADHAVRAO GOPCHADE

(a) to (d): UDAN is a demand-driven scheme, wherein airline operators assess the feasibility of operation on a particular route and bid under the scheme from time to time. Selection of airlines is done through a transparent bidding process.

In the State of Maharashtra, under the UDAN scheme, nine (09) Airports, namely, Kolhapur, Jalgaon, Solapur, Amravati, Nanded, Nasik, Ratnagiri, Gondia & Sindhudurg have been identified for revival and to operate RCS flights.

Six (06) Airports, namely, Kolhapur, Jalgaon, Nanded, Nasik, Gondia & Sindhudurg have already been operationalised under the UDAN Scheme.

The development work at Solapur and Amravati airports is currently in progress under the UDAN scheme.

Ratnagiri airport owned by the Indian Coast Guard in the State of Maharashtra, has been taken up for development by Maharashtra Airport Development Company Limited (MADC).

The unserved airports, in consultation with the State Government, are included in the scheme for bidding. The following are the unserved/underserved airstrips which are available in the RCS UDAN scheme for bidding in the State of Maharashtra : Akola, Baramati, Chandrapur, Darna Camp, Deolali, Dhulia, Gondia, Jath, Karad, Kawalpur, Kudal, Latur (MADC), Lonavala/AmbyValley, Osmanabad Phaltan, Ratnagiri, Shirpur & Waluj. In case, any airline bidder submits the proposal to connect the above airports/airstrips in future bidding rounds, the same will be considered for development as per the provisions of the UDAN Scheme.
