

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 654
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 2nd December 2024)**

KRISHI UDAN SCHEME

654. **SHRI SUBHASH BARALA**
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:-

- (a) the steps taken by Government regarding implementation and impact of Krishi UDAN Scheme;
- (b) the number and amount of agricultural products that have been transported under the scheme since its launch in August 2020; and
- (c) the estimated economic benefits to farmers as a result of the air transportation facilitated by the Krishi UDAN Scheme?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a) to (c) 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 leverage their existing schemes to strengthen the logistics for transportation of Agri-produce. For facilitating and incentivising movement of agri-produce by air transportation, waiver of Landing charges, Parking charges are provided for Indian freighters and P2C (Passenger-to-Cargo) Aircraft by Airports Authority of India (AAI) and Ministry of Defence at their selected Krishi Udan airports. In addition, Route Navigation Facility Charges (RNFC) and Terminal Navigational Landing Charges (TNLC) are waived off at the selected AAI airports.

The scheme aims to ensure seamless, cost-effective, time bound, air transportation and associated logistics for all agri-produce originating especially from North-East, hilly and tribal regions of the country, so that it improves their value realisation. All perishable commodities are covered under Krishi Udan Scheme in the country which includes horticulture, fishery, livestock and processed products.