

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 26
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 3rd February 2025)

STATUS OF THE KRISHI UDAN SCHEME

26. SHRI S. SELVAGANABATHY

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

- (a) the salient features of Krishi Udan scheme 4.0;
- (b) Puducherry being a coastal region with more inflow of tourists, whether Government would consider for seaplane operations primarily catering to tourism and leisure activities;
- (c) if so, the action plan thereof; and
- (d) whether Government will consider it as a priority one?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a) : There is no scheme termed as Krishi UDAN 4.0. However, there is a Krishi Udan Scheme, 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. Krishi Udan Scheme aims to ensure seamless, cost effective, timebound air transportation and associated logistics for all Agri-produce originating especially from Northeast, hilly and tribal regions of the country, so that it improves their value realisation.

(b) to (d) : Ministry of Civil Aviation introduced seaplane operations from water aerodromes under the Regional Connectivity Scheme - Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik 3.0 (RCS-UDAN 3.0). During various rounds of bidding, 25 water aerodromes have been identified in the States/UTs of Gujarat, Assam, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Goa, Himachal Pradesh for seaplane operations.

Currently, no water aerodromes in Puducherry (UT) are included in the UDAN

scheme. If the Government of Puducherry (UT) identifies any water aerodrome and requests its inclusion, it may be considered for future rounds of bidding under UDAN.
