

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1428
(To be answered on the 13th February 2025)**

DEVELOPMENT OF REGIONAL CONNECTIVITY IN ASPIRATIONAL DISTRICTS

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government is prioritising regional connectivity in aspirational districts, including Palamu and Garhwa under the UDAN scheme and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) the number of unserved airports identified for development in the said districts;**
- (c) the funds allocated for promoting regional air connectivity in underdeveloped regions during the last three years; and**
- (d) the measures being undertaken by the Government to improve air connectivity and boost economic development in such areas?**

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a) to (d) The Government launched the Regional Connectivity Scheme-Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik (RCS - UDAN) in October 2016 to enhance regional air connectivity from unserved and underserved airports in the country for making air travel affordable to the people of India including the State of Jharkhand. The government has recently announced launching of modified UDAN Scheme to support helipads in aspirational districts.

Under RCS-UDAN , six (06) airports namely, Bokaro, Dumka, Jamshedpur, Hazaribagh, Deoghar and Daltonganj in the state of Jharkhand have been identified for development and operation of RCS flights.

For revival and development of un-served and under-served airports/heliports/water-aerodromes in the country from FY 2021-22 to FY 2023-24 Rs. 2418 Cr. were allocated.
