

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
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DEVELOPMENT OF FIFTY ADDITIONAL AIRPORTS

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government has proposed to develop fifty additional airports over the next five years and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) the manner in which the said initiative aims to enhance the airport ecosystem in the country; and**
- (c) whether the expansion of the airport network is expected to contribute to job creation and boost commercial activities in the aviation sector and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a) and (b): Ministry of Civil Aviation has launched Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) on 21-10-2016 to stimulate regional air connectivity from unserved and underserved airports in the country, making air travel affordable to the masses. With the budgetary support of Rs. 1000 crore, Government of India (GoI) has approved the proposal of Revival/Development of 50 more unserved and underserved Airports/Helipads/Water Aerodromes and Advance Landing Grounds (ALGs) during the period of 03 years i.e. from 01.04.2023 to 31.03.2026.

(c): Airports have emerged as a nucleus of economic activities and have multiplier effect on the economy of the State. The linkage between the Civil Aviation Sector and Economic Growth is well recognised. Development of airports leads to increase in passenger movements, tourism development, employment generation and augmentation in circle rates of land valuation leading to enhanced collection of various taxes/stamp duties etc., in the respective State and in the overall development of the Country. International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) study shows that the air connectivity has an economic multiplier of 3.25 and employment multiplier of 6.1.
