

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
Lok Sabha**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 907
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 7th December 2023)**

HELICOPTER SERVICES

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

be pleased to state:-

- (a) the details and total number of civil helicopter registered and operational in the country;**
- (b) whether the Government has plan to address the concerns raised by the industry regarding the existing rules and regulation that hinder the growth of the civil helicopter market in the country and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government plans to promote the development and expansion of helicopter services through UDAN 5.1 and if so, details thereof;**
- (d) whether the Government has undertaken measures to attract more investments, improve infrastructure and enhance the overall ecosystem for helicopter operations in the country particularly in Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) whether the Government has the details of the specific regions that would benefit from UDAN 5.1 and if so the detail thereof?**

ANSWER

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(a): At present, 330 helicopters in various categories, namely, Scheduled operator, Non Scheduled operator, Private operator, State Government, etc.

are registered in the country. An aircraft (helicopter) is considered operational as long as it is maintained in the continuing state of airworthiness. ;

(b): Formulation of rules and regulations and amendment thereof is a continuous process which is carried out in the interest of promotion of helicopter services keeping in view the norms of the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO).;

(c) to (d): The UDAN scheme aims to enhance remote and regional connectivity through helicopters. During UDAN-2.0, 4.0, 4.1 & 4.2 bidding rounds, a total of 133 helicopter routes/networks across the country have been awarded to the selected helicopter operators. Presently, the helipads are identified for development only in priority areas of the country, namely, Jammu & Kashmir, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, North Eastern Region, Andaman Nicobar Island, and Lakshadweep Islands. So far, 09 helipads and 48 helicopter routes/networks have been operationalised under the UDAN Scheme.

Recently, UDAN 5.1 has been launched to further enhance helicopter operations and achieve last-mile connectivity exclusively through helicopters.;

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(e): UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) scheme primarily focuses on enhancing air connectivity to underserved and unserved airports across all regions of the country.

The Region-wise details of 76 airports, heliports & water aerodromes operationalized under the UDAN scheme is enclosed as Annexure.

Benefit Region-wise
Region-wise details of airports, heliports & water aerodromes operationalized
under the UDAN scheme.

S No.	State	Airport
1.	Southern Region	Kadapa (Underserved)(Round-1)
2.		Kurnool (Unserved) (Round-3)
3.		Belgaum (Underserved)(Round-3)
4.		Hubli (Underserved)(Round-2)
5.		Mysore (Unserved) (Round-1)
6.		Vidyanagar (Unserved) (Round-1)
7.		Kalaburgi (Gulbarga) (Unserved) (Round-3)
8.		Bidar (Unserved) (Round-1)
9.		Shivamogga (Unserved) (Round-4.1)
10.		Kannur (Unserved) (Round-2)
11.		Pondicherry (Underserved)(Round-1)
12.		Salem (Unserved) (Round-1)
13.	North Eastern Region	Tezu (Unserved) (Round-2)
14.		Passighat (Unserved) (Round-2)
15.		Hollongi (Unserved) (Round-4.3)
16.		Jorhat (Underserved)(Round-2)
17.		Lilabari (Underserved)(Round-2)
18.		Tezpur (Underserved)(Round-2)
19.		Rupsi (Unserved)
20.		Shillong (Underserved)(Round-1)
21.		Dimapur (Underserved)(Round-3)
22.		Pakyong (Unserved) (Round-2)
23.	Northern Region	Hissar (Unserved)
24.		Shimla (Unserved)
25.		Kullu (Underserved)
26.		Mandi – Heliport (Unserved)
27.		Rampur – Heliport (Unserved)
28.		Gwalior (Underserved)(Round-1)
29.		Adampur (Unserved) (Round-1)
30.		Bhatinda (Unserved) (Round-1)
31.		Ludhiana (Unserved) (Round-1)
32.		Pathankot (Unserved) (Round-1)
33.		Bikaner (Unserved) (Round-1)
34.		Jaisalmer (Unserved) (Round-1)
35.		Kishangarh (Unserved) (Round-2)

S No.	State	Airport
36.		Agra (Underserved)(Round-1)
37.		Allahabad (Underserved)(Round-2)
38.		Kanpur(Chakeri) (Unserved) (Round-1)
39.		Hindon (Unserved) (Round-2)
40.		Bareilly (Unserved) (Round-2)
41.		Kushinagar (Unserved) (Round-3)
42.		Pantnagar (Underserved)(Round-1)
43.		Pithoragarh (Unserved) (Round-2)
44.		Sahastradhara - Heliport (Unserved) (Round-2)
45.		Chinyalisaur – Heliport (Unserved) (Round-2)
46.		Gaucher – Heliport (Unserved) (Round-2)
47.		New Tehri – Heliport (Unserved) (Round-2)
48.		Srinagar – Heliport (Unserved) (Round-2)
49.		Haldwani – Heliport (Unserved) (Round-2)
50.		Almora – Heliport (Unserved) (Round-2)
51.	Eastern Region	Darbhanga (Unserved) (Round-2)
52.		Jagdalpur (Unserved) (Round-1)
53.		Bilaspur (Unserved) (Round-1)
54.		Deoghar (Unserved) (Round-4.1)
55.		Jamshedpur (Unserved) (Round-1)
56.		Cooch Behar (Unserved)(Round-1)
57.		Durgapur(Underserved)(Round-1)
58.		Jharsuguda (Unserved) (Round-1)
59.		Jeypore (Unserved) (Round-1)
60.		Rourkela (Unserved) (Round-1)
61.		Utkela (Unserved) (Round-1)
62.	Western Region	Diu (Underserved)(Round-1)
63.		Bhavnagar (Underserved)(Round-1)
64.		Jamnagar (Underserved)(Round-1)
65.		Kandla (Unserved) (Round-1)
66.		Keshod (Unserved) (Round-2)
67.		Mundra (Unserved) (Round-1)
68.		Porbandar (Underserved)(Round-1)
69.		Statue of Unity (W) (Unserved)
70.		Sabarmati River Front (W) (Unserved)
71.		Gondia (Unserved) (Round-4)
72.		Jalgaon (Unserved) (Round-1)
73.		Kolhapur (Unserved) (Round-1)
74.		Nanded (Unserved) (Round-1)
75.		Ozar (Nasik) (Unserved) (Round-1)
76.		Sindhudurg (Unserved) (Round-3)

