

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 2841  
(To be answered on the 8<sup>th</sup> August 2024)**

**SPECIFIC AIR TRAVEL NEEDS**

**2841. SHRI ESWARASAMY K**

**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION**

**नागर विमानन मंत्री**

**be pleased to state:-**

- (a) the manner in which the Union Government coordinates with the State Government of Tamil Nadu and other stakeholders to better understand the specific air travel needs; and**
- (b) whether the Government has tailored/developed any policies or programs to address the said requirements of the State and if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

**Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION**

**नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री**

**(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)**

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**(a) to (b) : Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) seeks to enhance regional air connectivity from unserved and underserved airports in the country and make air travel affordable to the masses. UDAN is a demand driven Scheme. Based on their assessment of demand on particular routes, interested airlines submit their proposals at the time of bidding under UDAN. An airport which is included in the awarded routes of UDAN and requires upgradation/development for commencement of UDAN operations, is developed under the 'Revival of unserved and underserved airports' Scheme.**

**In the State of Tamil Nadu, 05 airports, namely, Salem, Vellore, Neyveli, Tanjore and Ramnad have been identified for development under the Scheme out of which operations at Salem have commenced. Further, unserved airstrips at Arkonam, Chettinad, Cholavaram, Sulur and Ulundurpet are available in the UDAN Scheme document for bidding.**

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