

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 2929
(To be answered on the 8th August 2024)**

EXPANSION OF AIR CONNECTIVITY

2929. SHRI ANIL BALUNI

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:-

- (a) the details of the initiatives taken/being taken by the Government for expansion of air connectivity in Uttarakhand; and
(b) the details of the places (other than Dehradun) in Uttarakhand where facility for landing of wide body aircrafts is proposed to be provided to facilitate direct air connectivity to major cities of the country?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री

(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a): Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) seeks to stimulate regional air connectivity and make air travel affordable to the masses. UDAN is a market driven Scheme. Interested airlines, based on their assessment of demand on particular routes, submit their proposals at the time of bidding under UDAN. An airport which is included in the awarded routes of UDAN is developed under the 'Revival of unserved and underserved airports' scheme.

The airports at Pantnagar and Pithoragarh in the State of Uttarakhand have so far been operationalised under the UDAN Scheme. Further, helicopter operations from Almora, Chinyalisaur, Gaucher, Haldwani, New Tehri, Sahastradhara, Srinagar, Munsyari (Pithoragarh), Champawat have commenced under Non-Scheduled Operations Permit (NSOP). At present, 50 routes connecting various parts of the State are in operation under the Scheme.

(b): At present, there is no such proposal.
