

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 509  
(To be answered on the 25<sup>th</sup> July 2024)**

**OPERATIONAL AIRPORTS**

**509. SHRI TATKARE SUNIL DATTATREY**

**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION**

**नागर विमानन मंत्री**

**be pleased to state:-**

- (a) the number of airports which got operational after 2014, State-wise;**
- (b) whether it is fact that some air strips are still unused in the country and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;**
- (c) whether the Government proposes to use these airstrips for commercial operations in future; and**
- (d) 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): Since 2014, 83 airports (including heliports and water aerodromes) have been made operational in the country. The State/ UT-wise list of these airports is annexed.**

**(b) to (d): Yes, some airstrips are unused. Ministry of Civil Aviation has launched Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS)-UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) to stimulate regional air connectivity and making air travel affordable to the masses. As per provisions in scheme, the lists of unserved and underserved airstrips/ airports in the country, as finalized in consultation with the State Governments, are published in RCS UDAN scheme document, which form an integral part of the bidding process for awarding RCS Routes. 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 airstrip/ 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 as No-frills airport. On conclusion of five rounds of bidding under the scheme, 579 routes connecting 85 unserved and underserved airports, including 13 heliports & 02 water aerodromes, have been operationalised.**

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