

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 3072
(To be answered on the 11th July 2019)

AIRPORT AT ULUNDURPET IN TAMIL NADU

3072. SHRI RAVIKUMAR D.

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION
नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:-

- (a): whether the Government has any proposal to set up an airport at Ulundurpet in Villupuram district of Tamil Nadu and if so, the details thereof; and
(b) whether there is any plan to utilise the air strip there and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

Minister of State (IC) in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (स्वतंत्र प्रभार)

(Shri Hardeep Singh Puri)

(a) & (b): Ministry of Civil Aviation has launched Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS)-Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik (UDAN) in 2016 for promotion of Regional Connectivity by way of revival of un-served and underserved airports/airstrips, helipads of the State Governments, Airports Authority of India, Civil Enclaves & CPSUs through a budgetary support of Rs.4500 crore. The existing airstrip at Ulundurpet was listed under the RCS. However, RCS is a demand driven scheme and Government of India has not received any demand from the airline operators for operationalization of airport at Ulundurpet in Villupuram district of Tamil Nadu. However, bids were received for commencement of flights from Neyveli Airstrip (under RCS-UDAN scheme) which is barely 24 Kms aerial distance from Ulundurpet airstrip.
