

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 3189**  
( TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 18th December 2025 )

**ROUTES UNDER UDAN 5.4 SCHEME**

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

be pleased to state:-

- (a) the total number of routes operationalised under the UDAN scheme since its inception in the country including those connecting various cities in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) whether the Government has launched UDAN Version 5.4 to enhance regional air connectivity and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the objectives and key features of UDAN 5.4, particularly with respect to improving air services in Tamil Nadu;
- (d) the number of routes and airports in Tamil Nadu proposed to be covered under UDAN 5.4;
- (e) whether the scheme gives special focus to underserved and unserved regions and Tier-2/Tier-3 cities in Tamil Nadu and if so, the details thereof;
- (f) the current status of airport infrastructure in the said State to support the new UDAN 5.4 routes; and
- (g) the steps taken to monitor performance and ensure timely implementation of UDAN 5.4 in the said State?

**ANSWER**

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION (Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a) to (g): As on 30.11.2025, 651 routes, including 26 routes in Tamil Nadu, have been operationalised across the country under Regional Connectivity Scheme-Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik (RCS-UDAN).

UDAN 5.4 was conducted to re-bid cancelled routes that were identified as eligible for re-allocation under the scheme. No RCS routes connecting Tamil Nadu were eligible for re-bidding under UDAN 5.4.

The objective of the RCS-UDAN Scheme is to enhance affordable air connectivity to unserved and underserved areas in Tier 2 and 3 towns across the country, including Tamil Nadu.

Under the UDAN Scheme, Salem Airport was developed and operationalised on 25.03.2018. Further development works at Vellore and Neyveli airports in Tamil Nadu have been completed, and are currently undergoing the licensing process.

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