

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 877  
(To be answered on the 17<sup>th</sup> September 2020)**

**PROPOSAL FOR DEVELOPMENT OF AIRSTRIPS**

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SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI**

**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION**

**नागर विमानन मंत्री**

**be pleased to state:-**

- (a) whether the Government is considering new proposals for the development of air strips throughout the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the States of Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh have communicated to the Government in this regard and if so, the details thereof along with the names of designated places for this purpose; and
- (c) whether the Government has any plan to utilize the pilgrimage tourism potential of the States of Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh 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)**

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(a) & (b): Government of India, Ministry of Civil Aviation has launched Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik) in October, 2016 with the objective to facilitate / stimulate regional air connectivity to underserved and unserved airports. The revival of airstrips/airports is "demand driven", depending upon firm commitment from airline operators as well as from the State Government for providing various concessions. Development of Bikaner, Jaisalmer, Kishangarh, Kota and Uterlai airports in Rajasthan and Agra, Aligarh, Prayagraj, Bareilly, Kanpur, Chitrakoot, Aayodhya, Gazipur, Jhansi, Moradabad, Kushinagar, Muirpur, Azamgarh, Shravasti, Saharanpur and Hindon in Uttar Pradesh has been undertaken by Airports Authority of India (AAI) under RCS-UDAN.

(c): Development of Kishangarh Airport in Rajasthan and Chitrakoot, Ayodhya, Kushinagar and Shravasti airports in Uttar Pradesh has been undertaken by AAI to utilize the pilgrimage tourism potential of the area.