

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1905
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 30th July 2026)

AIR PASSENGER TRAFFIC UNDER UDAN SCHEME

1905. SHRI PUTTA MAHESH KUMAR

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

be pleased to state:-

- (a) the details of air passenger traffic handled at airports operating under the Regional Connectivity Scheme-UDAN in Andhra Pradesh during the last five years, year and airport-wise;
- (b) the details of the passenger handling capacity, actual passenger traffic and capacity utilisation of the said airports, airport-wise;
- (c) the details of scheduled commercial flight services currently operating from such airports including the number of routes, frequency of services and destinations connected; and
- (d) the measures taken by the Government to improve passenger traffic, route viability and utilisation of airports developed under the UDAN Scheme in Andhra Pradesh including any proposals for introduction of additional routes or services?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a) to (d): Under the Regional Connectivity Scheme - Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik (RCS-UDAN), Kadapa and Kurnool airports have been operationalised in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

The year-wise passenger traffic handled at these airports during the last five years, along with the present scheduled commercial flight services, including the destinations connected and frequency of services, are at Annexure.

The Government has launched the next phase of the UDAN Scheme on 04.07.2026 to further enhance regional air connectivity across the country, connect 120 new destinations, and serve 4 crore passengers over the next 10 years. Further, the Government of Andhra Pradesh may identify and propose State Priority Routes for

inclusion in the bidding process, based on regional connectivity requirements, passenger demand and operational feasibility.

Further, with the repeal of the Air Corporations Act in March 1994, the Indian domestic aviation has been deregulated. Airlines are free to induct capacity with any aircraft type, free to select whatever markets and network they wish to service depending on their operational & commercial viability.

Annexure

Passenger Traffic Handled at Airports operationalised under the RCS-UDAN Scheme in Andhra Pradesh during the Last Five Years

Airport	Passenger Handled (In Numbers)				
	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026
KADAPA	12,855	70,126	65,544	52,745	70,450
KURNOOL	31,535	38,622	39,746	19,427	20,563

Present Scheduled Commercial Flight Connectivity of Airports Operationalised under the RCS-UDAN Scheme in Andhra Pradesh

Airport	Airline name	City Connected	Movements per week (Arr + Dep)
Kadapa	Indigo	Shamshabad, Chennai, Vijayawada	16
Kurnool	Indigo	Vizag, Bangalore, Vijayawada	18