

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1946
(To be answered on the 31st July 2025)**

SEAPLANE SERVICE

1946. SMT MALA ROY

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:-

- (a) the current status of seaplane service in the country;**
- (b) the number of seaplane routes currently operational as on date;**
- (c) the number of passengers travelled through seaplane till 30.06.2025; and**
- (d) the total number of seaplane operators operating this service in the country?**

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री

(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a): Ministry of Civil Aviation introduced seaplane operations from water aerodromes under the Regional Connectivity Scheme - Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik 3.0 (RCS-UDAN 3.0). During various rounds of bidding, 32 valid seaplane routes have been awarded, connecting 25 water aerodromes in the States/UTs of Gujarat, Assam, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Goa, Himachal Pradesh, and Lakshadweep for seaplane operations.

Under UDAN 5.5 Letters of Intent (LoI) have been issued to the airline operators for bids connecting the water-bodies in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Kerala and the Union Territory of Andaman & Nicobar islands.

(b) to (d): Currently, there are no operational seaplane routes.
