

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 2737
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 20th March 2018)

**UPGRADATION/REVIVAL OF AIRPORTS IN RAJASTHAN UNDER UDAN
SCHEME**

2737. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:-

- (a) the objectives of the Regional Connectivity Scheme;
- (b) whether any airports have been identified for revival under the above scheme;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the details regarding airports in Rajasthan that are to be revived or upgraded under the above Scheme;
- (e) whether Government has increased budget allocation for the above scheme in the recent budget; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a): The Ministry of Civil Aviation has launched Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS)-UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) scheme on 21-10-2016 for providing connectivity to unserved and under-served airports of the country. The primary objective of RCS is to facilitate / stimulate regional air connectivity by making it affordable.

(b) & (c): The Government has approved the proposal for revival of 50 unserved/ under-served airports/airstrips of the State Governments, Airports Authority of India and Civil enclaves at an estimate cost of Rs.4500 crores. However, 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.

(d): In 1st and 2nd round of bidding under RCS-UDAN, Bikaner, Jaisalmer & Uterlai Airports of Rajasthan have been identified for operation of RCS flights. RCS operations have commenced from Bikaner and Jaisalmer.

(e) & (f): Yes, the budget allocation for Regional Connectivity Scheme has been increased from Rs. 200.11 Crore in year 2017-18 to Rs. 1014.08 Crore (inclusive of Rs. 124.00 Crore for VGF for North East connectivity) in the year 2018-19.

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