

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 3530
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 27th March 2018)

Difficulties faced in UDAN Phase-I

3530. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has faced some problems with regard to Ude Desh Ka Aam Naagrik (UDAN) Phase-I;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has now finalised UDAN Phase-II also; and
- (d) if so, whether Government has taken adequate measures to overcome the difficulties faced in Phase-I?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a) & (b): Airports Authority of India (AAI), the Implementing Agency has awarded 128 routes connecting 43 unserved and under-served airports to 5 Selected Airlines for commencing operations under Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN in the 1st round of bidding. However, while commencing operations under RCS-UDAN the Selected Airline Operators of 1st round faced some problems such as obstacles around airports which were protruding into the approach surfaces of the airports making the airport runway length not suitable for the aircraft to land/depart (i.e. Jamshedpur, Solapur & Neyveli etc.), non maintenance of airports in the manner to be licensed for public use, lack of clarity in the terms of development of the airport and management of the airports controlled by PSUs/Private Operators etc.

(c) & (d): Acknowledging the fact that market dynamics change with time, Ministry of Civil Aviation may amend the Scheme provisions from time to time as and when necessary for efficacy in accomplishment of objectives and undertake a review at least once every 3 years. Accordingly, learning from the experience of the first round of bidding and after extensive consultations with stakeholders, Ministry of Civil Aviation has released Regional Connectivity Scheme Version 2.0 document on 24.08.2017.
