

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 995
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 19th December 2018)

VGF UNDER THE UDAN-RCS

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

- (a) the total quantum of funds raised for Viability Gap Funding (VGF) under the UDAN-RCS;
- (b) the total quantum of funds disbursed under the VGF, the details thereof airline wise;
- (c) with regard to Air Deccan and Air Odisha, how many of the routes allotted to these airlines are now operational;
- (d) whether there has been a delay in operationalising routes allotted to airlines mentioned in part (c);
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) whether Government has an action plan to ease the funding, infrastructure and clearance challenges faced by all airlines under the Scheme; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof, including a time-line for implementation?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a): The total amount collected on account of RCS levy upto 14.12.2018 is Rs. 389.69 crore.

(b): The total quantum of funds disbursed to various selected airline operators on account of VGF till date is as under:

1. M/s Airline Allied Services Ltd -----	Rs. 20.23 crore
2. M/s Turbo Megha Airways Pvt Ltd -	Rs. 77.02 crore
3. M/s Deccan Charters Pvt Ltd -----	Rs. 1.32 crore
4. M/s Air Odisha Aviation Pvt Ltd -----	Rs. 1.02 crore
5. M/s Zexus Air Services Pvt Ltd -----	Rs. 1.39 crore
6. M/s Jet Airways Ltd -----	Rs. 8.46 crore
Total -----	Rs. 109.44 crore.

(c) to (e): 3 networks out of awarded 9 networks to Air Deccan and Air Odisha under UDAN 1 are available for operations by these airlines. Remaining 6 networks have been cancelled due to non-performance/poor performance. These cancelled routes are included in the UDAN 3.0 bidding process.

(f) & (g): Ministry of Civil Aviation launched Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN on 21st October, 2016 to facilitate /stimulate regional air connectivity by making it affordable by supporting airline operators through (1) concessions by Central Government, State Governments and airport operators to reduce the cost of airline operations on regional routes / other support measures and (2) financial (Viability Gap Funding or VGF) support to meet the gap, if any, between the cost of airline operations and expected revenues on such routes.

Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved the proposal for revival of 50 un-served / under-served airports / airstrips of the State Governments, Airports Authority of India and civil enclaves at an estimated cost of Rs. 4500 crores, in three financial years starting from 2017-18. However, the revival of airstrips/airports will be 'demand driven', depending upon firm commitment from airline operators as well as from the State Government for providing various concessions as airports will be developed without insisting on financial viability
