

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION**  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 1923**  
**(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020)**

**UDAN SCHEME IN WEST BENGAL**

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

- (a) whether any steps have been taken by Government to improve regional connectivity in West Bengal under the UDAN scheme;
- (b) if so, the details of the routes and airports operationalised under UDAN scheme in West Bengal; and
- (c) whether the Ministry plans to start a route between Durgapur and Bengaluru under the UDAN scheme, if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Hardeep Singh Puri)

(a) to (c): Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) is a market driven mechanism. Development of regional air connectivity routes is left to market forces. The interested airlines based on their assessment of demand on particular routes submit proposals at the time of bidding under RCS - UDAN from time to time. Airports Authority of India (AAI), the Implementing Agency has awarded 5 (five) airports namely Cooch Behar, Burnpur, Durgapur, Kalaikunda and Hashimara of West Bengal under RCS-UDAN for operations of RCS flights till 3rd round of bidding. However, RCS routes connecting Burnpur & Cooch Behar have been cancelled due to non-compliance of Selected Airline Operator (SAO) agreement by SAO. Details of the valid RCS routes operationalized till 5th March, 2020, connecting West Bengal are attached at Annexure-A. Presently, Durgapur and Bengaluru are served airports and therefore, routes between Durgapur & Bengaluru do not come under the purview of RCS.

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**Annexure-A**

**Statement referred to in the reply of Rajay Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1923  
for answer on 11.03.2020**

**Status of valid RCS routes operationalized connecting airports in West Bengal as  
on 05<sup>th</sup> March, 2020**

<b>Departure Airport</b>	<b>Arrival Airport</b>	<b>Operator</b>
Kolkata	Allahabad	Indigo
Kolkata	Jorhat	Indigo
Kolkata	Lilabari	Spicejet
Kolkata	Pakyong*	Spicejet
Kolkata	Tezpur	Zoom Air
Durgapur	Chennai	Spicejet
Durgapur	Mumbai	Spicejet
Kolkata	Gwalior	Spicejet
Kolkata	Jharsuguda	Alliance Air
Kolkata	Jharsuguda	Spicejet
Kolkata	Shillong	Indigo
Kolkata	Amritsar (TRCS)	Indigo

\* Discontinued due to pending air navigational study.