

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO : 51
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 12th December 2022)

UDAN SCHEME FOR DOMESTIC TRAVEL IN THE STATE OF ODISHA

*51. SMT MAMATA MOHANTA

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

- (a) the details of the airports selected/proposed under the Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik (UDAN) scheme for domestic travel in the State of Odisha;
- (b) the airports which are ready and to be developed under UDAN scheme in Odisha;
- (c) whether there have been demands for connecting more airports from Odisha, if so, the details thereof including destinations already connected and those which are in the pipeline; and
- (d) the status of the survey conducted with regard to the airstrips under UDAN scheme in the State of Odisha?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 51 REGARDING "UDAN SCHEME FOR DOMESTIC TRAVEL IN THE STATE OF ODISHA" TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.12.2022.

(a) & (b): Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) has launched Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) on 21-10-2016 to enhance regional air connectivity from unserved and underserved airports in the country and making air travel affordable to the masses. UDAN is a market driven scheme. Interested airlines based on their assessment of demand on particular routes, submit their proposals at the time of bidding under UDAN.

Eighteen unserved Airstrips namely Amarda Road, Angul, Barbil, Birasal, Gudari, Hirakund, Jayakpur, Jeypore, Lanjigarh, Nawapara, Padampur, Rairangpur, Raisuan, Rangeilunda, Sukinda, Theruboli, Tushra and Utkela, are available in the UDAN Scheme document for the State of Odisha.

Five airports namely Jeypore, Utkela, Rourkela, Jharsuguda and Rangeilunda have been identified for up-gradation for the operation of flights under UDAN. Jharsuguda and Jeypore airports have been developed / upgraded and UDAN flights have commenced therefrom.

(c): MoCA has been receiving requests / demands from various quarters including States / UTs for more air connectivity. Selection of airlines is done through a transparent e-bidding process under UDAN.

In future rounds of bidding, any airline bids for connecting airports in Odisha to other domestic destinations in the country, the same shall be considered for the award as per the provisions of UDAN scheme document.

(d): Interested airlines undertake due diligence of particular route and based on their assessment of demand/airstrips on particular routes, before submitting their proposals at the time of bidding under UDAN.
