

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 1304
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 19th December 2022)**

UDAN SCHEME IN PUNJAB

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

- (a) the names of operational airports under UDAN Scheme in Punjab;
- (b) whether Government has data under UDAN scheme for operating flights from Adampur and Bhatinda Airports;
- (c) if so, the month-wise list of number of scheduled flights for these airports since start of the scheme;
- (d) whether Government plans to increase the number of flights under the scheme from Punjab; and
- (e) if so, the percentage of increase from present number?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

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(a) to (c): Ministry of Civil Aviation has launched Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS)- UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) on 21.10.2016 to enhance regional air connectivity across the country from unserved and underserved airports in the country and making air travel affordable to the masses.

Under the UDAN scheme, the unserved & underserved airports/airstrips namely Ludhiana, Adampur, Bhatinda and Pathankot have been identified in the State of Punjab for operation of UDAN flights till the completion of four rounds of bidding. UDAN flights operation from the Ludhiana, Adampur, Bhatinda and Pathankot airports had commenced by the Selected Airline Operators (SAOs). The details of the routes awarded & operationalised under UDAN in the State of Punjab and the respective frequency of flights per week, is as under:

Routes	Frequency per Week
Delhi-Bhatinda- Delhi	3
Delhi-Pathankot-Delhi	3
Delhi-Ludhiana-Delhi	4

Delhi-Adampur-Delhi	7
Jammu-Bhatinda-Jammu	7
Jaipur-Adampur-Jaipur	7
Mumbai-Adampur-Mumbai	7

(d) & (e): 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. The selection of airlines is made through a transparent bidding process.

During UDAN 4.2 bidding round, routes connecting Ludhiana to Hindon and Bhatinda to Hindon have been awarded to the Selected Airline Operators with 19-seater type of aircraft with 133 seats per week per sector under Viability Gap Funding (VGF).

Beas and Patiala are available in the list of unserved airport in the UDAN Document. An airport which is included in the awarded routes of UDAN and requires upgradation/development for commencement of UDAN operations is developed under "Revival of unserved and underserved airports" scheme.

UDAN is an ongoing scheme where bidding rounds are conducted periodically for covering more destinations/stations and routes and in case, any airline submit any bid for routes in future rounds of bidding, the same may be considered as per provisions of the UDAN Scheme document.
