

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 501
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 12th December 2022)

SEAPLANE ROUTES UNDER UDAN IN THE STATE OF ODISHA

501. SHRI MUZIBULLA KHAN

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

- (a) the details of seaplane routes sanctioned so far under the RCS-UDAN scheme and guidelines issued thereon and operational status of each of the above routes;
- (b) whether there are any seaplane UDAN services sanctioned to operate from passenger cruise terminals in different ports of Odisha, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether Government is willing to consider proposals for UDAN seaplane operations from different cruise terminal in Odisha and the process to be followed?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

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(a) & (b): Ministry of Civil Aviation introduced a new mode of transportation i.e. seaplane operations from water aerodromes under UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) scheme.

During various round of bidding under UDAN, 56 seaplane routes connecting 25 water aerodromes were identified in the States/UTs of Gujarat, Assam, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Goa, Himachal Pradesh and Lakshadweep. Seaplane operations between Sabarmati River Front & Statue of Unity commenced on 31.10.2020 and was discontinued on 11.04.2021 due to commercial and Covid-19 reasons.

(c): UDAN is a market demand driven Scheme. Interested airlines based on their assessment of demand on particular routes including seaplane operations, submit their proposals at the time of bidding under UDAN. None of the airline bidders has submitted any proposal connecting different cruise terminals in Odisha, in the concluded UDAN rounds so far.
