

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION**

**Rajya Sabha**

**STARRED QUESTION NO. : 274**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 27th March 2023**

**SURVEY TO IDENTIFY UNSERVED AND UNDERSERVED AIRPORTS  
IN TAMIL NADU**

**274. SHRI K.R.N. RAJESHKUMAR**

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

- (a) whether Government has conducted a survey to identify unserved and underserved airports in the State of Tamil Nadu and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Tamil Nadu Government has signed any agreement with Airports Authority of India (AAI) under the UDAN scheme during the last three years and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether Government has allotted any identified routes in Tamil Nadu, to selected airline operators and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) the routes connecting Tamil Nadu under the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) operationalized during the last three years, year-wise?**

**ANSWER**

**Minister of CIVIL AVIATION (Shri Jyotiraditya M&#46; Scindia)**

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

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**STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 274 REGARDING "SURVEY TO IDENTIFY UNSERVED AND UNDERSERVED AIRPORTS IN TAMIL NADU" TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.03.2023.**

**(a) to (d): 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 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.**

**Airports namely Salem, Neyveli, Vellore, Ramnad, Tanjore, Arkonam, Chetnad, Cholavaram, Sulur and Ulundurpet appeared as unserved/underserved in the UDAN Scheme document for bidding for the State of Tamil Nadu. Out of the above, Salem, Neyveli, Vellore, Tanjore and Ramnad airports have been identified in the State of Tamil Nadu for flights under the UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) scheme. An**

**airport which is included in the awarded routes of UDAN and requires upgradation/development for commencement of UDAN operations, is developed under the 'Revival of unserved and underserved airports' scheme. Salem airport has been operationalized with UDAN flights under the scheme.**

**The State Government of Tamil Nadu has signed tripartite Memorandum of Understanding on 08.06.2017 for implementation of UDAN Scheme with the Ministry of Civil Aviation and the Airports Authority of India (AAI), the Implementing Agency.**

**Implementing Agency has awarded 57 routes for operation of UDAN flights under the Scheme out of which 14 routes have been operationalized by the Selected Airline Operators so far. The details of operationalized routes is attached as Annexure.**

**ANNEXURE****ANNEXURE IN REPLY TO RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 274 FOR ANSWER ON 27.03.2023****Details of routes operationalized under UDAN in the State of Tamil Nadu**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Departure Airport</b>	<b>Arrival Airport</b>	<b>Started on</b>
1.	Chennai	Mysore	20-09-2017
2.	Mysore	Chennai	20-09-2017
3.	Chennai	Kadapa	16-11-2017
4.	Kadapa	Chennai	16-11-2017
5.	Chennai	Salem	25-03-2018
6.	Salem	Chennai	25-03-2018
7.	Chennai	Kannur	25-01-2019
8.	Kannur	Chennai	25-01-2019
9.	Chennai	Hubli	01-07-2018
10.	Hubli	Chennai	01-07-2018
11.	Chennai	Durgapur	27-10-2019
12.	Durgapur	Chennai	27-10-2019
13.	Chennai	Kurnool	28-03-2021
14.	Kurnool	Chennai	28-03-2021