

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO : 333
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 3rd April 2023)

USE OF AIR FORCE AIRPORTS FOR CIVILIAN FLIGHTS

*333. SMT GEETA ALIAS CHANDRAPRABHA

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that a plan to use Air Force airports in the country for civilian flight has been deliberated upon;
- (b) if so, the number of Air Force airports that have been selected under the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS);
- (c) whether any civilian flight has been started from any Air Force airport; and
- (d) whether any airport in the State of Uttar Pradesh has been selected under this scheme, if so, the details thereof?

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. 333 REGARDING "USE OF AIR FORCE AIRPORTS FOR CIVILIAN FLIGHTS" TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.04.2023.

(a) to (d): 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.

Twenty Six (26) IAF Airports have been identified under UDAN for the operation of flights under the scheme, so far. Out of these, UDAN flight operations from 17 IAF Airports (Civil Enclaves) have already commenced.

Six IAF Airports namely Agra, Allahabad, Kanpur (Chakeri), Bareilly, Hindon and Saharanpur (Sarsawa) in the State of Uttar Pradesh have been identified under UDAN scheme for operation of flights. UDAN flight operations from IAF Airports (Civil Enclaves) at Agra, Allahabad, Kanpur (Chakeri), Bareilly and Hindon have already commenced.
