

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 1291**  
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023)

**RCS-UDAN IN THE NORTH-EAST REGION (NER)**

1291. SHRI PABITRA MARGHERITA

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

- (a) the details of ongoing projects under Regional Connectivity Scheme-Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik (RCS-UDAN) in the North-East Region (NER)
- (b) the routes covered under UDAN scheme in North-Eastern States and passenger traffic handled since inception, route and airport-wise details
- (c) whether Government has introduced new flights from North-Eastern States to international destinations
- (d) whether there are any figures available regarding the number of seats available and if so, the details thereof and
- (e) whether Government is planning to establish new international airports in North-Eastern States, if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD))

(a) & (b): 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. Interested airlines based on their assessment of demand on particular routes, submit their proposals at the time of bidding under UDAN.

Airports at Rupsi, Tezu, Tezpur, Pasighat, Jorhat, Lilabari, Shillong, Pakyong, Itanagar & Dimapur involving 64 routes have been operationalised under UDAN in the North Eastern Region.

(c) & (d): The Government provides an enabling environment for growth of civil aviation sector but does not interfere in the operational plans of the airlines. Operation of international flights from any point in India is purely a commercial decision of the airlines on the basis of economic viability of the route and other associated factors. More than 2.20 lakh UDAN flights have operated and over 1.15

crore passengers have availed the benefits in UDAN flights so far.

(e): There is no such proposal at present.

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