

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 336
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 6th February 2023)

IMPLEMENTATION OF RCS-UDAN IN ANDHRA PRADESH

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to launch Dagadarthi Airport in SPS Nellore district under RCS-UDAN in Andhra Pradesh and
(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

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

(a) to (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 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.

Dagadarthi airstrip, Andhra Pradesh does not figure in the tentative list of unserved / underserved airports of UDAN scheme document. If the State Government of Andhra Pradesh requests the Ministry of Civil Aviation for inclusion of Dagadarthi Airport, the same could be included in the UDAN document for bidding by prospective airlines in future rounds. If any bid is received, the same shall be considered as per the provisions of the Scheme Document.
