

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 1152**  
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023)

**REGIONAL CONNECTIVITY SCHEME (RCS)-UDAN SCHEME**

1152. DR. ANIL JAIN

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

- (a) the name of cities in the country to which the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN aims to start air travel;
- (b) the number of new RCS routes that have been started under this scheme;
- (c) the number of new RCS routes that have been started in the North Eastern States of the country; and
- (d) the number of RCS routes that have been provided under UDAN 4.2 and UDAN 4.3?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

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

(a) & (b) : Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) launched Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS)- Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik(UDAN) on 21st October 2016. 479 routes have commenced under the UDAN scheme, connecting 74 airports, including 2 Water Aerodromes and 9 Heliports. UDAN is an ongoing scheme where bidding rounds are conducted from time to time to cover more destinations/stations and routes under the scheme.

(c): 66 RCS routes have been operationalised in North Eastern States connecting Rupsi, Tezu, Pasighat, Jorhat, Lilabari, Shillong, Hollongi, Tezpur, Pakyong and Dimapur.

(d): During 4.2 round of bidding under UDAN, 186 RCS routes have been awarded to Selected Airline Operators.

During UDAN 4.3 round of bidding, 10 Tourism RCS routes have been awarded and operationalised.

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