

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 330
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 24th July 2023)

REGIONAL CONNECTIVITY SCHEME (RCS)- UDAN

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to expand the airport network and provide air connectivity to Tier-2 & Tier-3 cities in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has launched Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) to stimulate regional air connectivity and making air travel affordable to the masses;
- (c) if so, the number of routes commenced and number of airports operational as on 30th June, 2023;
- (d) the number of UDAN flights operated and the number of passengers who have availed the benefits in UDAN flights so far ?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

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

(a) & (b): Yes Sir. The Ministry of Civil Aviation launched the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) on 21-10-2016 to stimulate regional air connectivity and making air travel affordable for the common man. UDAN seeks to provide connectivity to underserved and unserved airports in the country by developing/upgrading them and connecting them with RCS routes awarded through a bidding process under UDAN.

(c) & (d): As on 30.06.2023, 479 RCS routes connecting 74 unserved and underserved airports (including 9 heliports & 02 water aerodromes) have been operationalised.

More than 123 lakh domestic passengers travelled in over 2.34 lakhs RCS flights since the inception of the scheme.
