

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
Rajya Sabha**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 186  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 5th February 2024**

**REGIONAL CONNECTIVITY SCHEME-UDAN IN THE STATE OF PUNJAB**

**186. SHRI HARBHAJAN SINGH**

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

- (a) the total number of routes initiated and air infrastructure created in Punjab under Regional Connectivity Scheme-UDAN;**
- (b) the benefits realised thereof;**
- (c) the challenges faced in this regard; and**
- (d) the proposed measures to be taken in this respect to augment air infrastructure in the State of Punjab?**

**ANSWER**

**Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION (GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD))**

**(a) to (d): Four airports namely Adampur, Bhatinda, Ludhiana and Pathankot have been identified and developed in the state of Punjab under UDAN scheme. Details of fund allocated and expenditure incurred on these airports as of 31.12.2023 is at Annexure-A.**

**Under UDAN, in the state of Punjab, 44 routes were awarded of which 30 have been operationalised and 4 Routes have been cancelled. The status of routes awarded in Punjab is at Annexure-B.**

**The UDAN scheme has brought several benefits to Punjab. It has enhanced regional connectivity by promoting affordable air travel, making it easier for people in Punjab to access different parts of the country. This has facilitated tourism, boosted economic activities, and improved overall accessibility for the residents of the state. Additionally, UDAN has contributed to the development of smaller airports in Punjab, creating employment opportunities and stimulating local economies.**

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**Annexure-A**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Airport</b>	<b>RCS BUDGET-Rs in Cr.</b>	<b>Total Expenditure till 31.12.2023- Rs in Cr.</b>
1.	Ludhiana	11.89	11.44
2.	Bathinda	2.52	1.92
3.	Pathankot	3.92	3.02
4.	Adampur	124.91	120.97
	<b>Total</b>	<b>143.25</b>	<b>137.35</b>

**Annexure-B****Routes awarded under RCS – UDAN**

<b>S. N.</b>	<b>Round</b>	<b>Departure</b>	<b>Arrival</b>	<b>Operator</b>	<b>Started on</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
1.	1	Adampur	Delhi	Spicejet	01-05-2018	Currently Non-operational.
2.	1	Delhi	Adampur	Spicejet	01-05-2018	Currently Non-operational.
3.	1	Bhatinda	Delhi	Alliance Air	27-04-2017	Currently Non-operational.
4.	1	Delhi	Bhatinda	Alliance Air	27-04-2017	Currently Non-operational.
5.	1	Ludhiana	Delhi	Alliance Air	02-09-2017	Currently Non-operational.
6.	1	Delhi	Ludhiana	Alliance Air	02-09-2017	Currently Non-operational.
7.	1	Pathankot	Delhi	Alliance Air	05-04-2018	Currently Non-operational.
8.	1	Delhi	Pathankot	Alliance Air	05-04-2018	Currently Non-operational.
9.	2	Bhatinda	Jammu	Alliance Air	27-02-2018	Currently Non-operational.
10.	2	Jammu	Bhatinda	Alliance Air	27-02-2018	Currently Non-operational.
11.	3	Adampur	Jaipur	Spicejet	28-03-2021	Cancelled
12.	3	Jaipur	Adampur	Spicejet	28-03-2021	Cancelled
13.	3	Adampur	Mumbai	Spicejet	25-11-2020	Cancelled
14.	3	Mumbai	Adampur	Spicejet	25-11-2020	Cancelled
15.	3	Amritsar	Jaipur	Spicejet	31-03-2019	Currently Non-operational.
16.	3	Jaipur	Amritsar	Spicejet	31-03-2019	Currently Non-operational.
17.	3	Amritsar	Kolkata	Indigo	01-12-2019	Currently Non-operational.
18.	3	Kolkata	Amritsar	Indigo	01-12-2019	Currently Non-operational.
19.	3	Amritsar	Patna	Spicejet	28-08-2020	Currently Non-operational.
20.	3	Patna	Amritsar	Spicejet	28-08-2020	Currently Non-operational.
21.	4.2	Ludhiana	Hindon	Big Charters	06-09-2023	Currently Non-operational
22.	4.2	Hindon	Ludhiana	Big Charters	06-09-2023	Currently Non-operational
23.	4.2	Bhatinda	Hindon	Big Charters	12-09-2023	Operational
24.	4.2	Hindon	Bhatinda	Big Charters	12-09-2023	Operational
25.	5.0	Amritsar	Kullu	Alliance Air	01-10-2023	Operational
26.	5.0	Kullu	Amritsar	Alliance Air	01-10-2023	Operational
27.	5.0	Bhatinda	Delhi	Alliance Air	09-10-2023	Operational
28.	5.0	Delhi	Bhatinda	Alliance Air	09-10-2023	Operational

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29.	5.0	Amritsar	Shimla	Alliance Air	16-11-2023	Operational
30.	5.0	Shimla	Amritsar	Alliance Air	16-11-2023	Operational
31.	1	Ludhiana	Delhi	Deccan Charters		Cancelled
32.	1	Delhi	Ludhiana	Deccan Charters		Cancelled
33.	3	Amritsar	Jaipur	Spicejet		Cancelled
34.	3	Jaipur	Amritsar	Spicejet		Cancelled
35.	5.0	Adampur	Hindon	Ghodawat		Yet to commence
36.	5.0	Hindon	Adampur	Ghodawat		Yet to commence
37.	5.0	Adampur	Nanded	Spicejet		Yet to commence
38.	5.0	Nanded	Adampur	Spicejet		Yet to commence
39.	5.0	Adampur	Bangalore	Spicejet		Yet to commence
40.	5.0	Bangalore	Adampur	Spicejet		Yet to commence
41.	5.0	Adampur	Kolkata	Spicejet		Yet to commence
42.	5.0	Kolkata	Adampur	Spicejet		Yet to commence
43.	5.0	Adampur	Goa	Spicejet		Yet to commence
44.	5.0	Goa	Adampur	Spicejet		Yet to commence