

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
Rajya Sabha
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 24
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 22nd July 2024
REPAIR OF OLD BUILDINGS CONSTRUCTED AT SHIMLA
AIRPORT

24. SHRI HARSH MAHAJAN

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

- (a) whether Government releases funds for maintenance and repair of old airports/aerodromes and if so, whether a tender form has been issued for the repair of old buildings constructed at Shimla Airport of Himachal Pradesh;**
- (b) if so, by when the repair work of the said buildings would be completed; and**
- (c) whether Government keeping in view the increasing tourism in Shimla, proposes to increase the number of aircrafts of other airlines other than Alliance Air from Shimla Airport, if so, the companies with which agreements have been signed, if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

**Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION
(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)**

(a) & (b): The upgradation of infrastructure/facilities at airports including maintenance and repair of old airports/ aerodromes, is a continuous process, undertaken by the Airports Authority of India (AAI) or the concerned Airport Operators depending upon operational requirements, traffic, demand, commercial feasibility, availability of land etc. For Shimla Airport in Himachal Pradesh, the Airports Authority of India (AAI) has allocated a budget of Rs. 1.50 crore for civil and electrical maintenance in the FY 2024-25. Tenders have been issued and the Annual Maintenance Work has already been awarded.

(c): The Government of India in its endeavor to promote regional and remote connectivity, launched Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS-UDAN) on 21.10.2016. As part of the UDAN initiative, Alliance Air currently operates flights to and from Shimla connecting with Delhi & Amritsar. Under the UDAN Scheme, the Government has also conducted bidding rounds to promote air connectivity through Helicopters. So far, RCS routes connecting Shimla (with Fixed Wing and Helicopters) as detailed in Annexure-A, have been awarded to the Selected Airline Operators for the operation of flights.

Annexure-A

Routes awarded from Shimla under RCS – UDAN

S. N.	Round	FW/H/Sea Plane	Departure	Arrival	Operator	Started on	Remarks
1.	4	Fixed-wing	Delhi	Shimla	Alliance Air	26-09-2022	Operational
2.	4	Fixed-wing	Shimla	Delhi	Alliance Air	26-09-2022	Operational
3.	5.0	Fixed-wing	Shimla	Amritsar	Alliance Air	16-11-2023	Operational
4.	5.0	Fixed-wing	Amritsar	Shimla	Alliance Air	16-11-2023	Operational
5.	5.1	Helicopter	Rackong Peo (H)	Shimla (Sanjoli) (H)	Heritage		Heliports not ready
6.	5.1	Helicopter	Shimla (Sanjoli) (H)	Rackong Peo (H)	Heritage		
7.	5.1	Helicopter	Kullu	Shimla (Sanjoli) (H)	Heritage		Shimla (H) not ready
8.	5.1	Helicopter	Shimla (Sanjoli) (H)	Kullu	Heritage		
9.	5.1	Helicopter	Shimla (Sanjoli) (H)	Chandigarh	Pawan Hans		Shimla (H) not ready
10.	5.1	Helicopter	Chandigarh	Shimla (Sanjoli) (H)	Pawan Hans		
11.	5.1	Helicopter	Shimla (Sanjoli) (H)	Rampur (H)	Pawan Hans		
12.	5.1	Helicopter	Rampur (H)	Shimla (Sanjoli) (H)	Pawan Hans		
13.	5.1	Helicopter	Shimla (Sanjoli) (H)	Manali (H)	Pawan Hans		Heliports not ready
14.	5.1	Helicopter	Manali (H)	Shimla (Sanjoli) (H)	Pawan Hans		