

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION**  
**Rajya Sabha**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 2248**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 16th December 2024**  
**FLIGHTS FROM MOHALI AIRPORT**

**2248. SHRI VIKRAMJIT SINGH SAHNEY**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that under Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) UDAN scheme, only a few routes in Punjab are operational, whether Government plans to include more routes to connect tier-2 and tier-3 cities like Pathankot and Bathinda with major domestic hubs;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (c) whether it is also a fact that it was estimated by Government that International Air Cargo handling at Mohali airport will commence by January 2023; and**
- (d) if so, details of the International Cargo flights operating from Mohali Airport?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) to (d) The list of operational Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) routes in Punjab is at Annexure. Bids for routes connecting Pathankot have been received under Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik (UDAN) round 5.4 and will be evaluated as per the provisions of the scheme.**

**UDAN is an market-driven ongoing scheme where bidding rounds are conducted from time to time to cover more destinations/stations and routes. Interested airlines, based on their assessment of demand on particular routes, submit their proposals at the time of bidding under UDAN. Airports which remain non-operational for a period of one year are considered as unserved airports and are offered for bidding under subsequent UDAN Rounds.**

**With the repeal of Air Corporation Act in March 1994, the Indian domestic aviation has been deregulated. Airlines are free to induct capacity with any aircraft type, free to select whatever markets and network they wish to service and operate subject to the compliance of Route Dispersal Guidelines (RDGs) issued by the Government and flight schedules approved by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA). Hence, it is upto the airline operators to introduce air services to / from any airport in the country depending on their operational & commercial viability.**

**Currently, there are no scheduled international cargo flights operational at Chandigarh (Mohali) Airport.**

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**Annexure****Routes Operational in Punjab under RCS**

<b>S. N.</b>	<b>Round</b>	<b>Departure</b>	<b>Arrival</b>	<b>Started on</b>
1.	4.2	Ludhiana	Hindon	06-09-2023
2.	4.2	Hindon	Ludhiana	06-09-2023
3.	4.2	Bhatinda	Hindon	12-09-2023
4.	4.2	Hindon	Bhatinda	12-09-2023
5.	5.0	Amritsar	Kullu	01-10-2023
6.	5.0	Kullu	Amritsar	01-10-2023
7.	5.0	Bhatinda	Delhi	09-10-2023
8.	5.0	Delhi	Bhatinda	09-10-2023
9.	5.0	Amritsar	Shimla	16-11-2023
10.	5.0	Shimla	Amritsar	16-11-2023
11.	5.0	Adampur	Hindon	31-03-2024
12.	5.0	Hindon	Adampur	31-03-2024