

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 651
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 10th February 2025)

FLIGHT CANCELLATION UNDER RCS-UDAN SCHEME

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

- (a) the number of cancellations and the total scheduled flights under the RCS-UDAN scheme since 2020, year and State-wise;
- (b) the reasons for cancellation and the percentage of flights cancelled due to that reason since 2019, including operational issues, year and State-wise; and
- (c) the type of planes impacted by cancellations and the percentage of flights cancelled for each plane type, including small carriers?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a) to (c) : As on date, under the Regional Connectivity Scheme - Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik (RCS-UDAN), 619 routes have been operationalized in which 323 routes are presently in operation, including those which are being sustained commercially. 114 routes have discontinued before completion of 3 years tenure. Eligible routes which were discontinued in the past rounds due to various reasons have been re-bid, awarded and operationalized in the subsequent rounds. Several factors may account for the unoperated flights/discontinuation of routes. Key reasons for the route cancellations include disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the grounding of numerous aircraft due to global engine issues, which significantly reduced the available fleet for all airline operators in the country, the shutdown of certain airlines and low passenger demand on specific routes. Additionally, issues such as slot unavailability, low passenger demand, limited aircraft availability and various internal challenges prevented the airlines from scheduling the awarded weekly frequencies. Poor weather conditions and various operational constraints also contributed to the cancellation of flights. Such reasons would impact any type of aircraft operations on any route. Under the RCS-UDAN, a variety of aircraft such as Tecnam P2010, Twin Otter DHC 400, Q400, Embraer 175 & 145, ATR-42, ATR-72, A320 & Cessna grand etc. are operating, by various airlines. Aircraft wise data of cancellation is not being maintained.
