

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 802
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 8th December 2025)**

**EXPANSION OF REGIONAL AIR CONNECTIVITY IN THE STATE OF
ODISHA**

802. **SHRI NIRANJAN BISHI**

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

- (a) whether Government will take steps to expand regional air connectivity in the State of Odisha by introducing new routes connecting Bhubaneswar with Jeypore, Utkela and Rourkela under UDAN 5.0; and
(b) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a) & (b): Under the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik), routes connecting Bhubaneswar to Jeypore, Rourkela, and Utkela were operationalised on 03.08.2022, 07.01.2023, and 31.08.2023 respectively. Presently, Bhubaneswar is connected with Jeypore and Utkela under the UDAN Scheme.

RCS-UDAN is market driven scheme in which bidding rounds are conducted from time to time for covering more destinations and routes under the scheme. Based on their assessment of demand on particular routes, interested airlines submit their proposals at the time of bidding .
