

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 833
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 8th December 2025)

RESUMPTION OF FLIGHTS FROM KALABURAGI AIRPORT

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Kalaburagi-Delhi (Hindon) flights earlier operated by Star Air under the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) were discontinued, causing hardship to the commuters;
- (b) whether the proposal for resumption of and for the restoration of Kalaburagi-Bengaluru remain pending with AAI;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, and the reasons therefor, including those for discontinuation of the flight despite high passenger load; and
- (d) the steps taken to resume both routes and the details of the timelines thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a) to (d): The Kalaburagi-Hindon route was operated by Star Air till 03.01.2023 under the Regional Connectivity Scheme-Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik (RCS-UDAN). Further, Star Air and Alliance Air commenced RCS operations on the Kalaburagi-Bengaluru route under the UDAN Scheme. Alliance Air discontinued operations upon completion of its three-year RCS tenure, while Star Air continued to operate the route till 08.10.2025, even beyond the completion of its three-year VGF.

RCS-UDAN is a demand-driven ongoing scheme where bidding rounds are conducted from time to time to cover more destinations and routes. Based on their assessment of demand on particular routes, interested airlines submit their proposals at the time of bidding under UDAN. If any airline submits valid bids for connecting these routes, the same will be considered as per UDAN Scheme provisions.

Moreover, any airline may operate commercial flights on the said sectors based on their due diligence, assessment of traffic potential, and commercial viability.
