

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1205
(To be answered on the 9th February 2017)**

OPERATIONS UNDER RCS

1205. SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether there are enough specialised aircrafts to carry out operations for Regional Connectivity Scheme (RSS) in the identified airports, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether pilots are being included to carry out training to implement the regional connectivity scheme for the present identified airports, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether foreign airlines and pilot personnel would be included in the process for the regional connectivity scheme and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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(Shri Jayant Sinha)

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- (a): No such study has been carried out by Government.
- (b): Pilots are trained as per Operations Manual Part 'D' of the operator, which is approved by Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA).
- (c): Airlines having valid operator permit or equivalent permit issued by the competent civil aviation regulatory authority of any foreign country are permitted to bid under Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN. As per Civil Aviation Requirement (CAR), Section 3 - Air Transport, Series 'C', Part XII, DGCA may permit a few appropriately qualified foreign licensed pilots to fly Indian registered aircraft after containment of authorization on their foreign licenses for a limited period to enable the airline operator to recruit and train Indian pilots for them to acquire aircraft type endorsement on their licenses.
