

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
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OPERATION OF CHEAPER DOMESTIC FLIGHTS

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

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to facilitate cheaper air journey to the general public and if so, the details thereof;
(b) if not, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government for operation of cheaper domestic flights;
(c) the names of the States in which the Government proposes to implement this system; and
(d) the details of the rates likely to be made applicable, State-wise?

ANSWER

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(a) to (d): The Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) launched Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS)-UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) scheme on 21-10-2016 for providing connectivity to un-served and under-served airports of the country. The primary objective of RCS is to facilitate/ stimulate regional air connectivity by making it affordable by providing Viability Gap Funding (VGF) and other concessions to the selected airline operators under RCS. VGF will be shared between Ministry of Civil Aviation and the State Government in the ration of 80:20 whereas for the States in North-Eastern region / UTs the ration will be 90:10. MoCA has signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on RCS-UDAN with 16 State Governments / UTs to provide concessions as mentioned in the Scheme. A statement indicating State Governments who signed MoU on RCS-UDAN is attached as Annexure-I. The bidding process has already been started to select airline operators for RCS operations. Airfare caps specified for various stage lengths for fixed wing aircraft / flight duration for helicopters is at Annexure-2. The applicable VGF caps for operations through Category-1, Category-2 and Category-3 fixed wing aircraft for a particular stage length or for operations through helicopters for a particular flight duration is at Annexure-3.

Name of the States which have signed MoU on RCS - UDAN

S. No	Name of States
1	Maharashtra
2	Jharkhand
3	Gujarat
4	Chhattisgarh
5	Andhra Pradesh
6	Puducherry
7	Manipur
8	Assam
9	West Bengal
10	Madhya Pradesh
11	Uttarakhand
12	Uttar Pradesh
13	Telangana
14	Meghalaya
15	Himachal Pradesh
16	Daman & Diu

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Annexure – 2: Airfare Cap under RCS

Airfare Cap to be considered for respective stage lengths / flight duration are as follows (Refer Section 2.3 above):

Airfare Cap for Fixed-wing aircraft

S.No.	Stage Length (In km)	Airfare Cap per RCS Seat (In INR)
1.	151 – 175	1,420
2.	176 – 200	1,500
3.	201 – 225	1,580
4.	226 – 250	1,670
5.	251 – 275	1,750
6.	276 – 300	1,830
7.	301 – 325	1,920
8.	326 – 350	2,000
9.	351 – 375	2,080
10.	376 – 400	2,170
11.	401 – 425	2,250
12.	426 – 450	2,330
13.	451 – 475	2,420
14.	476 – 500	2,500
15.	501 – 525	2,500
16.	526 – 550	2,590
17.	551 – 575	2,680
18.	576 – 600	2,770
19.	601 – 625	2,860
20.	626 – 650	2,950
21.	651 – 675	3,050
22.	676 – 700	3,140
23.	701 – 725	3,230
24.	726 – 750	3,320
25.	751 – 775	3,410
26.	776 – 800	3,500
27.	>800	3,500

Airfare Cap for Helicopters

S.No.	Flight Duration (In minutes)	Airfare Cap per RCS Seat (In INR)
1.	00 – 30	2,500
2.	31 – 35	2,900
3.	36 – 40	3,350
4.	41 – 45	3,750
5.	46 – 50	4,150
6.	51 – 55	4,600
7.	56 – 60	5,000
8.	> 60	5,000

Annexure – 3: VGF Cap under RCS

VGF Cap to be considered for respective stage lengths / flight duration are as follows (Refer Section 2.5 above).

VGF Cap for operations through Category-1 Fixed-wing aircraft

S.No.	Stage Length (In km)	VGF Cap per RCS Seat (In INR)
1.	151 – 175	2,470
2.	176 – 200	2,730
3.	201 – 225	2,980
4.	226 – 250	3,220
5.	251 – 275	3,480
6.	276 – 300	3,730
7.	301 – 325	3,980
8.	326 – 350	4,230
9.	351 – 375	4,480
10.	376 – 400	4,730
11.	401 – 425	4,980
12.	426 – 450	5,230
13.	451 – 475	5,480
14.	476 – 500	5,730

VGF Cap for operations through Category-2 and Category-3 Fixed-wing aircraft

S.No.	Stage Length (In km)	VGF Cap per RCS Seat (In INR)
1.	151 – 175	2,350
2.	176 – 200	2,600
3.	201 – 225	2,840
4.	226 – 250	3,070
5.	251 – 275	3,270
6.	276 – 300	3,360
7.	301 – 325	3,440
8.	326 – 350	3,530
9.	351 – 375	3,620
10.	376 – 400	3,700
11.	401 – 425	3,790
12.	426 – 450	3,880
13.	451 – 475	3,960
14.	476 – 500	4,050
15.	501 – 525	4,220
16.	526 – 550	4,300
17.	551 – 575	4,380
18.	576 – 600	4,460
19.	601 – 625	4,540
20.	626 – 650	4,620
21.	651 – 675	4,690
22.	676 – 700	4,770

VGF Cap for operations through Category-2 and Category-3 Fixed-wing aircraft

S.No.	Stage Length (in km)	VGF Cap per RCS Seat (in INR)
23.	701 – 725	4,860
24.	726 – 750	4,940
25.	751 – 775	5,020
26.	776 – 800	5,100
27.	>800	5,100

VGF Cap for operations through Helicopters

S.No.	Flight Duration (in minutes)	VGF Cap per RCS Seat (in INR)
1.	00 – 10	0
2.	11 – 15	700
3.	16 – 20	1,800
4.	21 – 25	2,900
5.	26 – 30	3,900
6.	31 – 35	4,600
7.	36 – 40	5,200
8.	41 – 45	5,900
9.	46 – 50	5,900
10.	51 – 55	5,900
11.	56 – 60	5,900
12.	> 60	5,900

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