

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1557
(To be answered on the 9th March 2017)**

STATUS OF REGIONAL AIR CONNECTIVITY SCHEME

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

- (a) the present status of the Regional Air Connectivity Scheme/UDAN Scheme run by the Government in the country, State/UT-wise;**
- (b) the number of regions/States connected under the scheme, State/UT-wise and the number of passengers got the benefit of this scheme since its inception;**
- (c) the details of the revenue earned by the Government under this scheme since its inception, State/UT-wise and the details of the targets fixed and achievements made thereon;**
- (d) the details of funds allocated, released and spent under the scheme so far;**
- (e) the details of proposals received to start flight services on regional routes and the basis for awarding these routes;**
- (f) whether the Government has created a Regional Connectivity Fund for providing connectivity to un-served and under-served airports and if so, the details of the mechanism to raise the above fund; and**
- (g) whether there is any monitoring mechanism in place for the scheme and if so, the details thereof and the timeframe for implementation of the scheme?**

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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(a): Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA), Government of India launched the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS)-UDAN on 21st October, 2016. Airports Authority of India (AAI), Implementing Agency has invited bidding proposals for selection of airline operator under RCS. During the first round of e-bidding, 43 initial and 5 counter proposals have been received from various airline operators. After technical scrutiny of the proposal, financial bids in respect of 22 proposals have been opened in phase-I on 23.02.2017 for selection of airline operators under RCS. MoCA has signed an Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with 18 States Governments / UTs to implement RCS-UDAN in their States/UTs.

(b): During the first round of bidding, proposals under RCS have been received in respect of 92 airports(30 currently served airports, 12 currently under-served airports and 50 currently un-served airports). The list is enclosed at Annexure-I

(c): The Government has not earned any revenue under this Scheme.

(d): The Viability Gap Funding (VGF) to the selected airline operators will be released after flying operation under RCS.

(e): During the first round of bidding, 43 initials and 5 counter proposals have been received from various airline operators under RCS-UDAN. The preferred airline operator under RCS-UDAN will be selected by following a transparent bidding process.

(f): Government of India has created Regional Connectivity Fund (RCF) to promote Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) in the country. Central Government has decided to impose a levy on scheduled flights operated within India to fund Regional Air Connectivity Fund (RCF), in the following manner:

i) Rs. 7,500 with stage length upto 1,000 km.

ii) Rs. 8,000 with stage length more than 1,000 km to 1,500 km and

iii) Rs. 8,500 with stage length above 1,500 km.

However, following flights shall be exempted from the said levy:

i) Flights operated on CAT II/ CAT IIA routes as specified in Route Dispersal Guidelines issued under Rule 134 (1A).

ii) Flights operated on RCS routes.

iii) Flights operated with aircraft having maximum certified take off mass not exceeding 40,000 kg.

(g): A high level Steering Committee headed by Secretary, Civil Aviation has been constituted to review the scheme from time to time and issue necessary directions as may be necessary for smooth implementation of the Scheme.

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**LIST OF AIRPORT/HELIPADS FOR WHICH BIDDERS HAVE APPLIED ROUTES (SERVED -30,
UNDERSERVED-12 & UNSERVED-50 = TOTAL - 92)**

S.NO.	NAME OF AIRPORT	STATUS OF AIRPORT
1	Agartala	Served
2	Ahmedabad	Served
3	Aizawl	Served
4	Aurangabad	Served
5	Bagdogra	Served
6	Bangalore Airport	Served
7	Bhubaneswar	Served
8	Chennai	Served
9	CSI Airport Mumbai	Served
10	Dehradun	Served
11	Dimapur	Served
12	Goa	Served
13	Gorakhpur	Served
14	Hubli	Served
15	Hyderabad(Shamshabad)	Served
16	IGI Airport Delhi	Served
17	Indore	Served
18	Jaipur	Served
19	Kolkata	Served
20	Lucknow	Served
21	Pune	Served
22	Raipur	Served
23	Silchar	Served
24	Srinagar	Served
25	Surat	Served
26	Tirupati	Served
27	Varanasi	Served
28	Ranchi	Served
29	Vijayawada	Served
30	Vishakhapatnam	Served
31	Agra	Underserved
32	Andal(Durgapur)	Underserved
33	Bhavnagar	Underserved
34	Diu	Underserved
35	Gwalior	Underserved
36	Jamnagar	Underserved
37	Kadapa	Underserved
38	Kullu(Bhuntar)	Underserved
39	Pantnagar	Underserved
40	Pondicherry	Underserved
41	Porbandar	Underserved
42	Shillong(Barapani)	Underserved
43	Ahemad Nagar	Unserved
44	Ambikapur	Unserved
45	Amravati	Unserved
46	Bangalore(cehal)	Unserved
47	Bhatinda	Unserved
48	Bidar	Unserved

S.NO.	NAME OF AIRPORT	STATUS OF AIRPORT
49	Bikaner(Nal)	Unserved
50	Bilaspur	Unserved
51	Burnpur	Unserved
52	Cooch Behar	Unserved
53	Daman	Unserved
54	Hosur	Unserved
55	Imphal(Korangee)	Unserved
56	Jagdalpur	Unserved
57	Jaisalmer	Unserved
58	Jalgaon	Unserved
59	Jamshedpur	Unserved
60	Jeypore	Unserved
61	Jharsuguda	Unserved
62	Jiribam	Unserved
63	Jullandhar	Unserved
64	Kandla	Unserved
65	Kanpur(Chakeri)	Unserved
66	Kanpur(Civil)	Unserved
67	Kolhapur	Unserved
68	Latur(MADC)	Unserved
69	Ludhiana	Unserved
70	Mithapur(Dwarka)	Unserved
71	Moreh	Unserved
72	Mumbai(Juhu)	Unserved
73	Mundra	Unserved
74	Mysore(Mandacally)	Unserved
75	Nanded	Unserved
76	Nasik Road	Unserved
77	Neyveli	Unserved
78	Ozar(Nasik)	Unserved
79	Pahalgam	Unserved
80	Parbung	Unserved
81	Pathankot	Unserved
82	Raigarh(Jindal)	Unserved
83	Ratnagiri	Unserved
84	Rourkela(Sail)	Unserved
85	Salem	Unserved
86	Shimla	Unserved
87	Sholapur	Unserved
88	Sonamarg	Unserved
89	Tamenglong	Unserved
90	Thanlon	Unserved
91	Utkela	Unserved
92	Vidyanagar	Unserved