

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
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REGIONAL CONNECTIVITY SCHEME/UDAN

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government has implemented UDAN scheme to boost regional air connectivity in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and routes identified/run so far and revenue earned from each route so far;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to widen the scope of its UDAN scheme for regional connectivity by making more flight operations eligible for a host of concessions, including viability gap funding and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has invited stakeholders comments in this regard, if so, the details thereof and response received so far;
- (e) whether the Government may also operate flights between airports less than 150 kilometres of distance from each other, for instance Bengaluru-Mysuru route and Vijayawada-Rajahmundry route to be eligible to fall under the UDAN scheme, if

so, the details thereof and decision taken in this regard so far;
(f) the details of regional/small airports developed under the scheme and the funds allocated, released and spent under the scheme so far; and
(g) the present status of Kothagudem airport in Telangana?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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(a): Ministry of Civil Aviation has 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. Airports Authority of India(AAI), the implementing agency of Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) -UDAN after first round of bidding has awarded 27 numbers of proposals involving 31 unserved and 12 under-served airports

(b): The details of operations commenced after First Round of bidding is enclosed at Annexure-I.

(c) to (e): Airports Authority of India(AAI), the implementing agency of Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) -UDAN after first round of bidding has awarded 27 numbers of proposals involving 31 unserved, 12 under-served airports. The list is enclosed at Annexure-II.

Stakeholder Consultations, review of the scheme, are continuous process under Regional Connectivity Scheme-UDAN.

(f): The Government has approved the proposal for revival of 50 un-served/ under-served airports/airstrips of the State Governments, Airports Authority of India and Civil enclaves at an estimate cost of Rs. 4500 crores. However, the revival of airstrips/airports is 'demand driven', depending upon firm commitment from airline operators as well as from the State Government for providing various concessions.

(g): Government of India, Ministry of Civil Aviation granted 'site clearance' to M/s. Telangana State Industrial Infrastructure Corporation Limited (TSI IDC) for setting up of a Greenfield Airport at Kothagudem, District Khammam, Telangana vide certificate dated 07.10.2016.

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List of routes awarded and operations commenced after First Round of bidding

S.N.	Proposal	Route (Only RCS Routes)	Selected Airline Operator	Aircraft Type deployed	Frequency per week
1.	IGI Airport Delhi -> Bhatinda -> IGI Airport Delhi	IGI Airport Delhi To Bhatinda	Alliance Air	ATR72-600	3
		Bhatinda To IGI Airport Delhi			3
2.	Gwalior -> Indore -> Gwalior	Gwalior To Indore	Alliance Air	ATR72-600	3
		Indore to Gwalior			3
3.	IGI Airport Delhi -> Gwalior -> IGI Airport Delhi	Gwalior To IGI Airport Delhi	Alliance Air	ATR 72-600	3
4.	Hyderabad(Shamshabad) -> Kadapa -> Bangalore Airport -> Kadapa -> Hyderabad(Shamshabad) ->Nanded -> Hyderabad(Shamshabad) -> Vidyanagar ->Hyderabad(Shamshabad)	Hyderabad(Shamshabad) To Kadapa	Turbo Megha Airways Private Limited	ATR72	7
		Kadapa To Hyderabad(Shamshabad)			7
		Hyderabad(Shamshabad) To Nanded			7
		Nanded To Hyderabad(Shamshabad)			7
5.	CSI Airport Mumbai ->Kandla -> CSI Airport Mumbai	CSI Airport Mumbai To Kandla	Spicejet Limited	Q400	7
		Kandla to CSI Airport Mumbai			7
6.	CSI Airport Mumbai ->Porbandar -> CSI Airport Mumbai	CSI Airport Mumbai To Porbandar	Spicejet Limited	Q400	7
7.	IGI Airport Delhi ->Shimla -> IGI Airport Delhi	IGI Airport Delhi to Shimla	Alliance Air	ATR 42-320	7
		Shimla to IGI Airport Delhi			7

Annexure-II

S. No.	Name of unserved and under-served Airport	State
1.	Bathinda	Punjab
2.	Shimla	Himachal Pradesh
3.	Agra	Uttar Pradesh
4.	Bikaner(Nal)	Rajasthan
5.	Gwalior	Madhya Pradesh
6.	Kadapa	Andhra Pradesh
7.	Ludhiana	Punjab
8.	Nanded	Maharashtra
9.	Pathankot	Punjab
10.	Vidyanagar	Karnataka
11.	Andal (Durgapur)	West Bengal
12.	Burnpur	West Bengal
13.	Cooch Behar	West Bengal
14.	Jamshedpur	Jharkhand
15.	Rourkela	Odisha
16.	Bhavnagar	Gujarat
17.	Diu	Daman and Diu
18.	Jamnagar	Gujarat
19.	Adampur	Punjab
20.	Kandla	Gujarat
21.	Kanpur(Chakeri)	Uttar Pradesh
22.	Kullu(Bhuntar)	Himachal Pradesh
23.	Mithapur (Dwarka)	Gujarat
24.	Mundra	Gujarat
25.	Pantnagar	Uttarakhand
26.	Puducherry	Puducherry
27.	Porbandar	Gujarat
28.	Shillong(Barapani)	Meghalaya
29.	Ambikapur	Chhattisgarh
30.	Bilaspur	Chhattisgarh
31.	Jagdalpur	Chhattisgarh
32.	Jaisalmer	Rajasthan
33.	Jalgaon	Maharashtra
34.	Jeypore	Odisha
35.	Jharsuguda	Odisha
36.	Kolhapur	Maharashtra
37.	Mysore (Mandacally)	Karnataka
38.	Neyveli	Tamil Nadu
39.	Ozar Nasik	Maharashtra
40.	Raigarh	Chhattisgarh
41.	Salem	Tamil Nadu
42.	Sholapur	Maharashtra
43.	Utkela	Odisha