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HELICOPTER SERVICES IN NORTH-EASTERN REGION

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

- (a) whether a number of new helicopter services have been started in the North Eastern Region particularly for the difficult areas in the last four years and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Union Government gives some subsidy to promote such services in order to make the services affordable for the common people in difficult terrains and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the names of the places in the country where helicopter service has been provided under the UDAN scheme along with the names of service provider companies;
- (d) the names of the airports in the North Eastern States covered under the UDAN scheme; and
- (e) the provisions being made to ensure that the benefit of these airports reaches maximum number of people?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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(a): Pawan Hans Limited (PHL) has been providing helicopter service in North Eastern States since 1987 by providing helicopters on long term lease contracts to the State Governments. In the last four years, the PHL has continued/renewed the lease contracts for helicopter services in the following State Governments :
Meghalaya, Mizoram, Tripura, Sikkim, MHA (Guwahati)

In addition to above, PHL has given 1 helicopter on lease to the State Government of Assam in February 2017 for helicopter services in the State. Further, PHL has received order to give 1 helicopter on lease to Manipur State Government for helicopter services from August 2018.

(b): In order to provide connectivity to remote areas, subsidy is provided by Union Ministry of Home Affairs and State Government to operate helicopter services in North Eastern Region.

(c): The details of the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) helicopter routes / network awarded in the second round of bidding under RCS-UDAN is at Annexure-I.

(d): Names of the airports/helipads in the North Eastern State covered under the UDAN scheme are :

Airports : Alinya, Along, Daparizo, Mechuka, Passighat, Tezu, Vijaynagar, Walong, Tuting, Yinghiong, Ziro, Bograjeng, Borengajuli, Chabua, Darrang, Dinjan, Doomur Dullang, Kokrajhar, Kolapni, Lakhipur, Ledo, Mackebpur, Misa, Misa Mari, Mornai, Nazira, Panneri, Rupsi, Sadiya, Shella, Sorbhog, Sukerating (Dum Duma), Palel, Dwara, Tura, Pakyong, Kailashahar, Kamalpur, Khowai, Jorhat, Lilabari and Tezpur

(e): The States of Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh & Uttarakhand, North Eastern Region of India, Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep Islands have been defined as Priority Area(s) in the Scheme for providing better air connectivity. Helicopter services was included in the scheme document for better connectivity of Priority Area(s). However, considering the need of priority areas, following incentives were provided for helicopter services:

- i. Helicopter operations under the Scheme are allowed in Priority Areas
- ii. Viability Gap Funding (VGF) caps for helicopter operations enhanced.
- iii. Up to 10% of the estimated annual inflow in Regional Connectivity Fund (RCF) shall be earmarked for operations through helicopters.
- iv. All seats up to 10 passengers seats for helicopter shall be considered as RCS seats and accordingly VGF shall be provided.

Further, for Priority RCS Routes, the number of RCS Flights to be operated in a week with VGF shall be a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of fourteen (14) departures per week from the same RCS Airport such that the RCS Flights are operated on at least three (3) days of the week.

Annexure-I

S.No.	RCS Routes/ Networks	Operator
1.	Imphal-Moreh(Heliport)-Imphal	Pawan Hans
2.	Imphal -Tamenglong(Heliport)- Jiribam(Heliport) - Tamenglong(Heliport) -Imphal	Pawan Hans
3.	Imphal - Thanlon(Heliport)- Parbung(Heliport)- Thanlon(Heliport)- Imphal	Pawan Hans
4.	Guwahati -Tezpur- Jorhat- Dibrugarh -Jorhat -Tezpur- Guwahati	Pawan Hans
5.	Guwahati -Nagaon(Heliport)- Tezpur - Itanagar(Heliport)-Tezpur Nagaon(Heliport)-Guwahati	Skyone Airways
6.	Dibrugarh -Lilabari - Itanagar(Heliport)- Lilabari Dibrugarh	Skyone Airways
7.	Dibrugarh Daparizo Yinghiong Dibrugarh	Skyone Airways
8.	Dibrugarh - Passighat- Tuting - Dibrugarh	Skyone Airways
9.	Dibrugarh -Tezu - Walong- Dibrugarh	Skyone Airways
10.	Dibrugarh -Itanagar(Heliport) -Ziro Dibrugarh	Heligo
11.	Haldwani(Heliport) - Dharchula(Heliport)	Heritage
12.	Shimla-Mandi(Heliport)- Dharamshala Mandi(Heliport)- Shimla	Pawan Hans
13.	Shimla-Mandi(Heliport)- Kullu Manali(Heliport)-Kullu-Mandi(Heliport)-Shimla	Pawan Hans
14.	Shimla-Rampur(Heliport) - NathpaJhakri(Heliport) -Rampur(Heliport) - Shimla	Pawan Hans
15.	Imphal-Moreh(Heliport)-Imphal	Pawan Hans
16.	Imphal -Tamenglong(Heliport)- Jiribam(Heliport) - Tamenglong(Heliport) -Imphal	Pawan Hans
17.	Imphal - Thanlon(Heliport)- Parbung(Heliport)- Thanlon(Heliport)- Imphal	Pawan Hans
18.	Guwahati -Tezpur- Jorhat- Dibrugarh -Jorhat -Tezpur- Guwahati	Pawan Hans
19.	Guwahati -Nagaon(Heliport)- Tezpur - Itanagar(Heliport)-Tezpur Nagaon(Heliport)-Guwahati	Skyone Airways
20.	Dehradun-New Tehri- Srinagar(Heliport) -Gaucher - Joshimath(Heliport) -Gaucher- Srinagar(Heliport)- New Tehri Dehradun	Pawan Hans
21.	Dehradun -Mussoorie(Heliport)- Dehradun	Pawan Hans
22.	Dehradun -Ramnagar (Heliport)- Pantnagar - Nainital(Heliport)- Pantnagar - Almora(Heliport)- Pithoragarh(Heliport)- Almora(Heliport) -Pantnagar Ramnagar (Heliport) - Dehradun	Pawan Hans
23.	Chinyali saur - Sahastradhara(Heliport)	Heritage
24.	Gaucher- Sahastradhara(Heliport)- Chinyalisaur [Helicopters]	Heritage
25.	Dibrugarh -Lilabari - Itanagar(Heliport)- Lilabari Dibrugarh	Skyone Airways
26.	Dibrugarh Daparizo Yinghiong Dibrugarh	Skyone Airways
27.	Dibrugarh - Passighat- Tuting - Dibrugarh	Skyone Airways
28.	Dibrugarh -Tezu - Walong- Dibrugarh	Skyone Airways
29.	Dibrugarh -Itanagar(Heliport) -Ziro Dibrugarh	Heligo
30.	Chandigarh-Kasauli(Heliport) - Shimla-Kasauli(Heliport)- Chandigarh	Pawan Hans
31.	Dharchula(Heliport) - Haldwani(Heliport)- Haridwar(Heliport)	Heritage
32.	Haridwar(Heliport)-Haldwani(Heliport)	Heritage
33.	Sahastradhara(Heliport)-Gaucher	Heritage

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5	Gewandt-Hagen(Halborst)-Trie(Halborst)(Halborst)-Trie(Halborst)	5
6	Knoten(Halborst)-Gewandt	6
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