

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1675
(To be answered on the 20th December 2018)

AIR SERVICES TO REMOTE AREAS

1675. SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION
नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:-

- (a) the number of new towns and cities on the civil aviation map under the new scheme announced by Government;
- (b) whether it is a fact that some States are unwilling to invest on airport infrastructure as the expected returns are low;
- (c) if so the details of their response thereon; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to deal with the problem and roll out air services to hitherto uncovered and remote areas?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION
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(Shri Jayant Sinha)

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- (a): Routes/Networks connecting 56 unserved airports and 31 helipads have been awarded under UDAN Version 1 & 2 (Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik).
- (b) to (d): Except Goa, Mizoram, Chandigarh, Delhi, Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Lakshadweep, 30 States and Union Territories have signed the tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Ministry of Civil Aviation and Airports Authority of India for providing concession as envisaged in the RCS Scheme document to the Selected Airline Operator at RCS airports located in their respective State.
- Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved the proposal for revival of 50 existing un-served/under-served airports/airstrips of the State Governments, Airports Authority of India and Civil Enclaves at an estimated cost of Rs. 4500 crores, in three financial years starting from 2017-18.
- Further, the revival of airports under Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS)-UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) is 'demand driven', depending upon firm commitment from airline operators as well as from the State Government for providing various concessions.

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