

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 2616
(To be answered on the 27th December 2018)**

LOW COST REGIONAL AIR CONNECTIVITY

2616. SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government proposes to unveil a policy to encourage low cost regional air connectivity to remote places across the country, if so, the details of the policy;**
- (b) whether the regional air routes as well as destinations have been identified by the Government; and**
- (c) if so, the details thereof and by when such policy would be implemented?**

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a) to (c): The Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) has launched Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS)-UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) 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. RCS-UDAN is a demand driven scheme where airline operators undertake assessment of demand on a particular route and bid under the Scheme from time to time. Airports Authority of India (AAI), the Implementing Agency has awarded 27 proposals and 90 proposals under RCS-UDAN version 1 & 2 respectively.
