

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
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REVIVAL PLAN FOR AIRPORTS AND UDAN SCHEME

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government has drawn any action plan for revival of unserved and under-served airports in the country, if so, the program of action envisaged in this regard;
- (b) whether the UDAN scheme announced in October 2016, seeks to connect unserved and under-served airports in the country as well as to make flying at affordable prices;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the success achieved so far in this regard;
- (d) whether the Government is likely to announce International routes under UDAN, if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the proposal has been finalised in this regard and the criteria for selecting the airlines has been fixed, if so, the details thereof;
- (f) the financial supporting system to the participating airlines under the scheme; and
- (g) the time by which the final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

ANSWER

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(a) to (c): Ministry of Civil Aviation has launched Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS)-UDAN scheme on 21-10-2016 to facilitate / stimulate regional air connectivity by making it affordable. Promoting affordability of regional air connectivity is envisioned under RCS by supporting airline operators through (i) concessions by Central Government, State Governments and

airport operators to reduce the cost of airline operations on regional routes and (ii) financial support (Viability Gap Funding or VGF). The interested airlines based on their assessment of demand on particular routes submit proposals at the time of bidding under RCS from time to time.

Further, 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 Crore, in three financial years starting from 2017-18. However, the revival of these unserved/underserved airports will be 'demand driven', depending upon firm commitment from airline operators as well as from the State Government for providing various concessions.

Flights have commenced from RCS airports namely, Adampur, Agra, Bhatinda, Bhavnagar, Bikaner, Diu, Gwalior, Kadapa, Jagdalpur, Jalgaon, Jamnagar, Jaisalmer, Jharsuguda, Kandla, Kanpur, Kolhapur, Ludhiana, Mundra, Mysuru, Nanded, Ozar(Nasik), Pathankot, Puducherry, Porbandar, Salem, Shimla, Shillong, Vidyanagar, Allahabad, Hubli, Jorhat, Kishangarh, Pakyong and Tezpur.

(d) to (g): On request of State Government of Assam, UDAN-International has been launched. Bidding process for 6 routes connecting Guwahati to Kathmandu, Dhaka, Yangon, Bangkok, Singapore and Kuala Lumpur is over. Implementing Agency is in the process of issuing letter of Award to the selected airlines as per the provisions of the Scheme. Under the Scheme, the financial support is provided by the concerned State Government. However, Government of India can facilitate the implementation of UDAN International Scheme on request of any State Governments.
