

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 481
(To be answered on the 13th December 2018)**

EXTENSION OF UDAN SCHEME INTERNATIONAL CIRCUITS

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:-

- (a) the status and performance of UDAN scheme, phase-wise;
- (b) whether it has been decided to extend UDAN to international circuits;
- (c) if so, the details of the proposals and when the bidding process would start;
- (d) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has submitted a proposal to the Ministry to connect Vijayawada to cities like Singapore, Dubai, etc.; and
- (e) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard and whether any other State(s) have submitted similar proposals?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a): Flights have commenced from Regional Connectivity Scheme (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, Nasik, Pakyong and Tezpur.

(b) to (e): The Ministry of Civil Aviation has recently launched UDAN-International, after extensive consultation with the stakeholders for the Government of Assam. However, this template would be applicable for other States too and whenever Ministry of Civil Aviation receive the proposals, subsequent bidding may be conducted or the state governments can go ahead on its own, with this template. The Government of Assam has agreed to provide Viability Gap Funding (VGF) to the Selected Airline Operators (SAO) under UDAN International. The bidding process for UDAN-International has already commenced.