## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO.: 122 (To be answered on the 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022)

## RCS-UDAN SCHEME IN ANDHRA PRADESH

## \*122. SHRIMATI CHINTA ANURADHA SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR BELLANA

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:-

- (a) the details of the ongoing and completed projects under the Regional Connectivity Scheme Ude Desh Ka Aam Naagrik (RCS-UDAN) in Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to launch new projects under RCS-UDAN in Andhra Pradesh; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

## **ANSWER**

Minister of CIVIL AVIATION नागर विमानन मंत्री

(Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 122 REGARDING "RCS-UDAN SCHEME IN ANDHRA PRADESH" TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.12.2022.

(a) to (c): Ministry of Civil Aviation has launched Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS)-UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) on 21.10.2016 to enhance regional air connectivity from unserved and underserved airports in the country and making air travel affordable to the masses. An airport which is included in the awarded routes of UDAN and requires upgradation / development for commencement of RCS operations, is developed under "Revival/upgradation of unserved and underserved airports/heliports/water aerodromes" Scheme.

Kadapa, Kurnool (Airport) and Prakasham Barrage (Water Aerodrome/WA) have been identified for the revival/upgradation in the State of Andhra Pradesh, to operate UDAN flights. The UDAN flights operations have already commenced from Kadapa and Kurnool. The Prakasam Barrage (WA) is owned by the State Government of Andhra Pradesh and its pre-feasibility study has been completed.

A total of 28 routes have been operationalised under UDAN connecting various Airports in the State of Andhra Pradesh. UDAN is an ongoing scheme where bidding rounds are conducted from time to time for covering more destinations/stations and routes across the country including Andhra Pradesh and in case, any airline submit bid for routes connecting one or more unserved/underserved aerodromes in the State of Andhra Pradesh, in future rounds of bidding, the same may be considered as per provisions in Scheme document.

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