

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1490
(To be answered on the 15th December 2022)**

CHEAPER DOMESTIC FLIGHTS

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to facilitate cheaper air journeys to the general public and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) if not, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government for the operation of cheaper domestic flights;
- (c) the names of the States where the Government proposes to implement this system; and
- (d) the details of the rates likely to be made applicable, State-wise?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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(a) to (d): 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 across the country from unserved and underserved airports in the country and making air travel affordable to the masses. Under the UDAN Scheme, the Government has targeted an indicative airfare at Rs. 2500 for a distance of 500 km to 600 km per RCS seat under Regional Connectivity routes (equivalent to one-hour flight). Selected Airline Operator is required to provide upto 50% of the aircraft seating capacity or maximum 40 seats, whichever is lower, as Seats in a fixed wing aircraft under UDAN. This airfare is subject to indexation as per the formula specified in the UDAN Scheme document. UDAN is a market driven scheme. Interested airlines based on their assessment of demand on particular routes, submit their proposals at the time of bidding under UDAN.
