GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

Lok Sabha

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 2564

(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 22nd December 2022)

ALLOCATION OF FUNDS UNDER RCS

2564. SHRI ASHOK KUMAR RAWAT Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Airports Authority of India (AAI) has allocated funds to the private airlines through the Regional Air Connectivity Fund Trust during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including funds allocated to the private airlines during the said period, sector-wise; and
- (c) the details of the funds spent by these airlines as on date, sector/item/date-wise?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION (GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD))

(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 across the country from unserved and underserved airports and making air travel affordable to the masses.

UDAN is a market driven and a self-financing scheme. Interested airlines based on their assessment of demand on particular routes, submit their proposals at the time of bidding under UDAN. Under the UDAN scheme connectivity is enhanced by reviving unserved and underserved airports and by giving financial (Viability Gap Funding or VGF) support to meet the gap, if any, between the cost of airline operations and expected revenues on such UDAN routes. Airports Authority of India, the Implementing Agency makes payment of VGF to the Selected Airlines Operators (SAOs) from Regional Air Connectivity

Fund (RACF) for the operation of UDAN flights as per the provisions of Scheme Document. State Governments provide 20% share towards VGF for UDAN flights pertaining to their states. However, the share of VGF for North-Eastern states and the Union Territories is 10%.

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The detail of airline-wise amount disbursed from the RACF from F.Y.s 2019-20 to 2021-22 is Annexed.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2564 FOR ANSWER ON 22.12.2022

Disbursement of VGF to SAOs (Year-wise)

Amount in Crores

		2019-		
Sr. No.	Airline	20	2020-21	2021-22
1	Airline Allied Services Ltd.	197.50	118.60	167.42
	Turbo Megha Airways Pvt.			
2	Ltd.	152.16	67.32	45.23
3	Zesux Air Service Pvt. Ltd.	1.21	0.23	0.00
	Interglobe Aviation Ltd.			
4	(INDIGO)	124.87	46.31	207.06
5	Deccan Charters Pvt. Ltd.	3.91	0.04	0.00
6	SpiceJet Limited	169.82	56.58	101.87
	Ghodawat Enterprises Pvt.			
7	Ltd.	21.35	28.87	65.81
8	Air Odisha Aviation Pvt. Ltd.	0.00	0.00	0.00
9	Pawan Hans Ltd.	7.79	5.65	4.59
10	Heritage Aviation Pvt. Ltd.	1.71	1.69	3.81
	Aviation Connectivity and			
11	Inf. Dev. Pvt. Ltd.	0.00	0.31	0.34
	Big Charters Pvt. Ltd. (Fly			
12	Big)	0.00	0.00	29.81