

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 332  
(To be answered on the 8<sup>th</sup> December 2022)**

**AIR CONNECTIVITY IN RAJASTHAN**

**332. SHRI HANUMAN BENIWAL**

**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION**

**नागर विमानन मंत्री**

**be pleased to state:-**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to increase the number of regular flights from Bikaner, Jodhpur, Jaisalmer and Udaipur etc. in order to enhance the air connectivity with the major cities of the country including Delhi;**  
**(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it would be started and if not, the reasons therefor;**  
**(c) whether operation of airports has been granted to private companies and if so, the details thereof location/company-wise including in Rajasthan; and**  
**(d) whether the Government is working on the construction and extension of civil airport in Jodhpur, Rajasthan and if so, the details thereof**

**ANSWER**

**Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION**

**नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री**

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**(a) to (b): After repeal of the Air Corporation Act in March 1994, the Indian domestic aviation market has been deregulated. Consequently, airlines are free to induct capacity with any aircraft type for selecting whatever markets and network they wish to operate across the country. Thus, airlines provide air services to specific places, including Bikaner, Jodhpur, Jaisalmer and Udaipur, depending upon the traffic demand and their commercial viability, in compliance with the relevant guidelines in this matter. 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. 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. Routes connecting Udaipur to Aurangabad and Ahmedabad have been awarded under UDAN 4.1 and 4.3 rounds of bidding to the Selected Airline Operators, respectively.**

**(c): Airports Authority of India (AAI) has leased out eight of its airports across the country, including in the State of Rajasthan, under Public Private Partnership (PPP) for operation, management and development on long term lease basis. Details of airports along with the Concessionaires are as under:**

- i)Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi - M/s Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL)**
- ii)Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport, Mumbai, Maharashtra M/s Mumbai International Airport Limited (MIAL)**
- iii)Chaudhary Charan Singh International Airport, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh M/s Lucknow International Airport Limited (LIAL)**
- iv)Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport, Ahmedabad, Gujarat - M/s Ahmedabad International Airport Limited (AIAL)**
- v)Mangaluru International Airport, Karnataka - M/s Mangaluru International Airport Limited (MIAL)**
- vi)Jaipur International Airport, Rajasthan - M/s Jaipur International Airport Limited (JIAL)**
- vii)Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport, Guwahati, Assam - M/s Guwahati International Airport Limited (GIAL)**
- viii)Thiruvananthapuram International Airport, Kerala - M/s TRV-Kerala International Airport Limited (TIAL)**

**(d): Airports Authority of India (AAI) has planned construction of New Terminal Building at Jodhpur Airport at an expenditure cost of Rs.480 crore.**

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