

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 2680
(To be answered on the 16th March 2023)**

AVIATION SERVICES FROM BELAGAVI

2680. SHRI ANNASAHEB SHANKAR JOLLE

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the steep discontinuation of aviation services from Belagavi to other metro and pilgrim cities;
(b) if so, the details thereof; and
(c) whether the Government has taken any steps to improve the aviation services at Belagavi, State of Karnataka 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 (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 in the country and making air travel affordable to the masses. Interested airlines based on their assessment of demand on particular routes, submit their proposals at the time of bidding under UDAN.

Under the scheme, 98 routes involving six airports in Karnataka namely Bidar, Mysore, Vidyanagar, Hubli, Kalaburgi & Belgavi have been operationalised with UDAN flights. As per ongoing Winter Schedule 2022, M/s Indigo and M/s Star Air have filed for operation of flights from Belagavi to Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Mumbai, Nagpur, Tirupati, Jodhpur, Ahmedabad, Surat and Indore.

With the repeal of Air Corporation Act in March 1994, the Indian domestic aviation was totally deregulated. Airlines are free to induct capacity with any aircraft type, free to select whatever markets and network they wish to service and operate with the compliance of Route Dispersal Guidelines (RDGs) issued by Government. Hence, it is up to the airline operator for introduction of air services to / from any airport in country depending on their operational & commercial viabilities. Ministry of Civil Aviation regularly interacts with the airlines to promote air connectivity.