

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 3782
(To be answered on the 23rd March 2023)**

REVIEW OF AIR SERVICE FROM NANDED

3782. SHRI PRATAPRAO PATIL CHIKHLIKAR

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

- a) whether the Government has reviewed the operation of air services between Nanded-Delhi and Nanded-Chandigarh-Amritsar and Hyderabad-Delhi and if so, the details thereof;**
(b) the time by which the above air services are likely to be restored after Covid; and
(c) the reasons for not restoring the above services till date?

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 stimulate regional air connectivity and making air travel affordable to the masses. Routes connecting Nanded with Hyderabad and Mumbai were operationalised in the 1st round of UDAN on 27.04.2017 and 16.11.2017 respectively which discontinued after completion of three year tenure and management issues of the Selected Airline Operator. UDAN is a market driven scheme. In case any airline submits the valid bid connecting Nanded in future rounds of bidding, the same shall be considered as per the provisions of the UDAN scheme document.

After repeal of the Air Corporation Act in March 1994, the Indian domestic aviation market was deregulated. Consequently, airlines are free to induct capacity with any Aircraft type for selecting whatever markets and network they wish to service and operate across the country subject to compliance with the extant guidelines in this regard. Thus, it is up to the airlines to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and their commercial viability, in compliance with the extant guidelines.
