

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
Lok Sabha**

**STARRED QUESTION NO. : 19  
( TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 20th July 2023 )**

**REGIONAL AIR CONNECTIVITY SCHEME**

**19. SHRI POCHA BRAHMANANDA REDDY**

**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION**

**be pleased to state:-**

- (a) the details of the Regional Air Connectivity Scheme launched to connect underserved airports to key airports at a cost of Rs. 2,500 per hour flight;**
- (b) the objectives and components of the scheme;**
- (c) the details of the progress made in this regard, State/UT-wise and year-wise;**
- (d) whether the Government proposes to launch UDAN-RCS 6.0 in near future; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

**ANSWER**

**Minister of CIVIL AVIATION                      (Shri Jyotiraditya M&#46; Scindia)**

**(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the table of the House.;**

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**STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF LOK SABHA STARRED  
QUESTION NO. 19 REGARDING "REGIONAL AIR  
CONNECTIVITY SCHEME" TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.07.2023;**

**(a) & (b):: The Government launched the Regional**

**Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) in October 2016 to enhance regional air connectivity from unserved and underserved airports in the country for making air travel affordable to the masses through revival of the existing airstrips and airports. The scheme would be in operation for a period of ten years. ; Financial incentives in terms of concessions from Central, State Governments and airport operators are extended to Selected Airline Operators to encourage operations from unserved/underserved airports/heliports/water aerodromes and keep the air fare affordable.; Support to the Selected Airline Operators is extended in the form of Viability Gap Funding (VGF). State Governments provide 20% share towards VGF for RCS flights pertaining to their states. However, the share of VGF for North-Eastern states and Union Territories is 10%.; 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. (c): As on 11.07.2023, 479 RCS routes connecting 74 unserved and underserved airports (including 9 heliports & 02 water aerodromes) have been operationalised (as per detail given in Annexure). More than 123 lakh domestic passengers travelled in over 2.34 lakhs RCS flights. ; (d) & (e): No Sir, at present there is no such proposal.**

## List of RCS Airports Operationalized Financial Year wise

S. No.	Airport	Date of operationalization
<b>Financial Year 2017-18</b>		
(Total 20 Nos. including 7 Underserved and 14 Unserved airports)		
1.	Kadapa (Underserved)(Round-1)	27-Apr-2017
2.	Shimla(Round-1)(Unserved)	27-Apr-2017
3.	Nanded(Round-1)(Unserved)	27-Apr-2017
4.	Bhatinda(Round-1)(Unserved)	27-Apr-2017
5.	Gwalior (Underserved)(Round-1)	31-May-2017
6.	Kandla(Round-1)(Unserved)	01-Jul-2017
7.	Porbandar (Underserved)(Round-1)	10-Jul-2017
8.	Pondicherry (Underserved)(Round-1)	16-Aug-2017
9.	Mysore(Round-1)(Unserved)	02-Sep-2017
10.	Ludhiana(Round-1)(Unserved)	02-Sep-2017
11.	Vidyanagar(Round-1)(Unserved)	21-Sep-2017
12.	Bikaner(Round-1)(Unserved)	26-Sep-2017
13.	Jaisalmer(Round-1)(Unserved)	29-Oct-2017
14.	Agra (Underserved)(Round-1)	08-Dec-2017
15.	Jalgaon(Round-1)(Unserved)	23-Dec-2017
16.	Ozar (Nasik)(Round-1)(Unserved)	23-Dec-2017
17.	Jamnagar (Underserved)(Round-1)	17-Feb-2018
18.	Mundra(Round-1)(Unserved)	17-Feb-2018
19.	Diu (Underserved)(Round-1)	24-Feb-2018
20.	Salem(Round-1)(Unserved)	25-Mar-2018
<b>Financial Year 2018-19</b>		
(Total 18 Nos. including 8 Underserved and 10 Unserved airports)		
1.	Pathankot(Round-1)(Unserved)	05-Apr-2018
2.	Kolhapur(Round-1) (Unserved)	08-Apr-2018
3.	Tezpur (Underserved)(Round-2)	26-Apr-2018
4.	Shillong (Underserved)(Round-1)	26-Apr-2018
5.	Bhavnagar (Underserved)(Round-1)	01-May-2018
6.	Adampur(Round-1)(Unserved)	01-May-2018
7.	Hubli (Underserved)(Round-2)	14-May-2018
8.	Jagdalpur(Round-1)(Unserved)	14-Jun-2018
9.	Allahabad (Underserved)(Round-2)	14-Jun-2018
10.	Kanpur(Chakeri)(Round-1)(Unserved)	03-Jul-2018
11.	Jorhat (Underserved)(Round-2)	01-Aug-2018
12.	Jharsuguda(Round-1)(Unserved)	22-Sep-2018
13.	Pakyong(Round-2)(Unserved)	04-Oct-2018

14.	Kishangarh(Round-2)(Unservd)	08-Oct-2018
15.	Pantnagar (Underserved)(Round-1)	04-Jan-2019
16.	Lilabari (Underserved)(Round-2)	15-Jan-2019
17.	Pithoragarh(Round-2)(Unservd)	17-Jan-2019
18.	Kannur(Round-2)(Unservd)	25-Jan-2019
<b>Financial Year 2019-20</b> (Total 10 Nos. including 4 Underserved and 6 Unserved airports)		
1.	Belgaum (Underserved)(Round-3)	01-May-2019
2.	Kullu (Underserved)(Round-1)	13-May-2019
3.	Durgapur(Underserved)(Round-1)	25-Jun-2019
4.	Hindon(Round-2)(Unservd)	11-Oct-2019
5.	Kalaburgi (Gulbarga)(Round-3)(Unservd)	22-Nov-2019
6.	Dimapur (Underserved)(Round-3)	07-Dec-2019
7.	Bidar(Round-1)(Unservd)	07-Feb-2020
8.	Sahastradhara - <b>Heliport</b> (Round-2) (Unservd)	08-Feb-2020
9.	Chinyalisaur – <b>Heliport</b> (Round-2)(Unservd)	08-Feb-2020
10.	Gaucher – <b>Heliport</b> (Round-2)(Unservd)	08-Feb-2020
<b>Financial Year 2020-21</b> (Total 9 Nos. Unserved airports)		
1.	New Tehri – <b>Heliport</b> (Round-2)(Unservd)	29-Jul-2020
2.	Srinagar – <b>Heliport</b> (Round-2)(Unservd)	29-Jul-2020
3.	Statue of Unity (W) (Round-3)(Unservd)	31-Oct-2020
4.	Sabarmati River Front (W) (Round-3) (Unservd)	31-Oct-2020
5.	Darbhanga(Round-1)(Unservd)	08-Nov-2020
6.	Hissar (Round-2)(Unservd)	14-Jan-2021
7.	Bilaspur (Round-1)(Unservd)	01-Mar-2021
8.	Bareilly (Unservd)	08-Mar-2021
9.	Kurnool (Unservd) (Round-3)	28-Mar-2021
<b>Financial Year 2021-22</b> (Total 9 Nos. Unserved airports)		
1.	Rupsi (Unservd)	08-May-2021
2.	Passighat (Unservd)	24-May-2021
3.	Tezu (Unservd)	15-Aug-2021
4.	Haldwani – <b>Heliport</b> (Round-2) (Unservd)	08-Oct-2021
5.	Sindhudurg (Unservd)	09-Oct-2021
6.	Kushinagar (unserved)	26-Nov-2021
7.	Mandi - <b>Heliport</b> (Round-2) (Unservd)	09-Dec-2021
8.	Rampur – <b>Heliport</b> (Round-2) (Unservd)	14-Dec-2021
9.	Gondia (Round-4( (Unservd)	13-Mar-2022
<b>Financial Year 2022-23</b> (Total 7 Nos. Unserved airports)		

1.	Keshod (Round-2) (Unserved)	16-Apr-2022
2.	Deoghar (Round-4.1) (Unserved)	12-July-2022
3.	Jeypore (Round-1) (Unserved)	03-Aug-2022
4.	Almora – Heliport (Round-2) (Unserved)	26-Aug-2022
5.	Rourkela (Round-1) (Unserved)	07-Jan-2023
6.	Hollongi (Round-4.3) (Unserved)	15-Jan-2023
7.	Jamshedpur (Round-1) (Unserved)	31-Jan-2023
8.	Cooch Behar (Round-1) (Unserved)	21-Feb-2023