Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:-

(a) whether the Government proposes to revise the total number of new airports sanctioned under UDAN Regional Connectivity Scheme and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Government is planning to connect Srinagar and Leh airport under the UDAN scheme to make the air travel affordable for citizens and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government is proposing to set up a separate airport at Pampore to be used for the commercial purposes;

(d) if so, the timeframe required to set up the airport under UDAN regional scheme and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the details on the funds that would be required for the establishment of the airport in Pampore?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) : UDAN is an ongoing market driven scheme where bidding rounds are conducted from time to time to cover more destinations/stations and routes. Based on their assessment of demand on particular routes, interested airlines submit their proposals at the time of bidding under UDAN. An airport which is included in the awarded routes of UDAN and requires upgradation/development for commencement of UDAN operations, is developed under 'Revival of unserved and underserved airports' scheme.
(b) UDAN scheme seeks to provide connectivity to un-served and under-served airports. Srinagar and Leh are served airports as per the schematic norms of the UDAN Scheme.

(c) to (e) : No Sir

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