

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 2518
(To be answered on the 3rd August 2023)**

INCREASE OF FLIGHT SERVICES FROM ANDAL AIRPORT

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government has considered to provide flight services from Andal airport to different locations in the country including Delhi, Mumbai, Pune, Chennai, Gujarat, Bangalore, etc. and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Government proposes to include Air India flight service at this airport in future;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with present and futuristic plan/programme made or measures taken by the Government for such flight services to various other airports, State/UT-wise; and**
- (d) the budgetary allocation made for the purpose for FY 2022-23?**

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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(a): During the 3rd round of bidding under the Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik (UDAN) scheme, RCS flights connecting Andal (Durgapur) with Chennai and Mumbai have been awarded and operationalised. Andal (Durgapur) is also connected with Hyderabad, Delhi and Bengaluru through non-RCS flights.

(b) to (d): Air India is a Private Scheduled Operator (Airline). With the repeal of Air Corporation Act in March 1994, the Indian domestic aviation has been deregulated. Airlines are free to induct capacity with any aircraft type, free to select whatever markets and network they wish to service. It is up to the airline operators to introduce air services to / from any airport in the country depending on their operational and commercial viabilities.
