

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 3511  
(To be answered on the 10<sup>th</sup> August 2023)**

**UDAN SCHEME IN JHARKHAND**

**3511. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM**

**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION**

**नागर विमानन मंत्री**

**be pleased to state:-**

- (a) the salient features of UDAN Scheme;**
- (b) the details of the funds sanctioned, allocated and utilised so far under the said scheme in Jharkhand;**
- (c) the details of the number of places connected so far under this scheme in Jharkhand;**
- (d) whether the Government has sanctioned new routes under the fourth phase of this scheme in Jharkhand; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the targets fixed under this scheme for Jharkhand?**

**ANSWER**

**Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION**

**नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री**

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**(a) : Ministry of Civil Aviation launched Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) on 21.10.2016 to stimulate regional air connectivity and make air travel affordable for the masses. The UDAN scheme envisages providing connectivity to unserved and underserved airports of the country through revival of the existing airstrips and airports. The scheme would be in operation for a period of ten years. The salient features of the UDAN scheme are as under:**

- i) The Regional Connectivity Scheme - UDAN is designed to enable air operations on underserved / unserved routes connecting regional areas, promote balanced regional growth and make flying affordable for masses.**
- ii) 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 to keep the air fare affordable.**
- iii) Financial Support to the Selected Airline Operators is in the form of Viability Gap Funding (VGF). State Governments provide 20% share**

**towards VGF for RCS flights pertaining to their States. The share of VGF for North-Eastern States and the Union Territories is 10%.**

**iv) Excise Duty at the rate of 2% is levied on Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) drawn by Selected Airline Operators at RCS Airports for RCS Flights for a period of three (3) years from the date of commencement.**

**v) Airlines are required to commit certain number of the seats as RCS seats, depending on the type and size of aircraft on RCS flights.**

**vi) Regional Connectivity Fund (RCF) is created by a levy on each departure of flights on aircraft having MTOW (Maximum Take-Off Weight) above 40 tonnes except for the departure of flights on routes in North East Region, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Union Territories of Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep Islands.**

**vii) RCS-UDAN is a market driven scheme. Based on their assessment of demand on particular routes, interested airlines submit proposals at the time of bidding under RCS-UDAN.**

**(b): For the state of Jharkhand, an amount of Rs.105.51 crore has been allocated and Rs 102.93 crore has been spent for the development of airports under UDAN as on 31.03.2023.**

**(c) to (e): In the state of Jharkhand, Jamshedpur and Deoghar have been operationalised under the UDAN scheme connecting the following 08 RCS routes -:**

- 1. Deoghar-Kolkata**
- 2. Kolkata-Deoghar**
- 3. Kolkata-Jamshedpur**
- 4. Jamshedpur-Kolkata**
- 5. Deoghar-Patna**
- 6. Patna-Deoghar**
- 7. Deoghar-Ranchi**
- 8. Ranchi-Deoghar.**

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