

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 3540  
(To be answered on the 10<sup>th</sup> August 2023)**

**DISCONTINUATION OF FLIGHTS**

**3540. SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH BADAL**

**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION**

**नागर विमानन मंत्री**

**be pleased to state:-**

- (a) whether the flights were discontinued from flying to Adampur, Ludhiana, Pathankot and Bathinda airport and if so, the details thereof and the reasons for the discontinuation;**
- (b) whether the flights have not been restored from the above airports of Punjab and if so, the reasons therefor; and**
- (c) the time by which flights are likely to be restored from Adampur, Ludhiana, Pathankot and Bathinda airports?**

**ANSWER**

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

**नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री**

**(GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD))**

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**(a): Under Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik (UDAN) scheme, routes connecting Adampur airport with Delhi, Mumbai and Jaipur were commenced on 01.05.2018, 25.11.2020 and 28.03.2021 respectively. Flights on Adampur-Delhi-Adampur route were discontinued after completion of the prescribed three (03) years of tenure under the scheme. Flights connecting Adampur with Jaipur and Mumbai have been stopped due to commercial reasons.**

**Flights on Bhatinda-Delhi-Bhatinda sector were discontinued after completion of the prescribed three (03) years of tenure. RCS route Bhatinda-Jammu-Bhatinda was discontinued by the airline due to low demand of passengers.**

**Air services on Ludhiana-Delhi-Ludhiana and Pathankot- Delhi-Pathankot sectors were discontinued after completion of the prescribed three years tenure.**

**(b) & (c): RCS routes connecting Bhatinda and Ludhiana to Hindon have been awarded to M/s Big Charters Private limited with 19-seater type of aircraft under UDAN 4.2. Bhatinda-Delhi-Bhatinda route has been reawarded**

**under UDAN (5.0) round of bidding. During UDAN (5.0) bidding, RCS routes connecting Adampur to Hindon, Nanded, Kolkata, Goa and Bangalore have been awarded .**

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