

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 3576
(To be answered on the 10th August 2023)**

RCS SCHEME FOR RAJASTHAN

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government proposes to include more RCS Airports or RCS Concession Airports, particularly from Rajasthan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether any special benefits or provisions are in place with regard to the priority areas identified under the said scheme and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the details of the total number of beneficiaries of the said scheme; and
- (e) the details of the efforts made by the Ministry for the promotion and advertising of the said scheme?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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

(a) & (b): The airports at Bikaner, Kishangarh, Uterlai, Kota, Jaisalmer and Sriganganagar in the State of Rajasthan have been identified for development under Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS)-Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik(UDAN) under UDAN Scheme. The unserved Airports/Airstrips namely Alwar, Banasthali, Banswara, Bharatpur, Dholpur, Gadra Road, Hamirgarh, Isarda, Jhalawar, Jhunjhunu, Kankoroli, Lalgarh, Malapura, Mathania, Merta Road, Nagaur, Pilani, Salawas, Sawai Madhopur, Shahpur, Sirohi and Suratgar are available for revival/upgradation in the UDAN scheme document in the state of Rajasthan.

(c): As per the UDAN scheme provisions, the Priority Areas are the State of Jammu & Kashmir, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, North Eastern Region States, Andaman Nicobar island and Lakshadweep islands. For RCS routes providing connectivity to priority area(s), the number of RCS flights to be operated in a week with Viability Gap Funding (VGF) shall be a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 14 departures per week from the same RCS Concession Airport.

The threshold number of flights below which an airport is classified as 'underserved' is 14 per week for Priority areas as against 7 per week for non-priority areas.

Concessions offered by the airport operator, State Government, and Central Government shall be available even for RCS Flights operating on State RCS Routes or Tourism RCS Routes providing connectivity to Priority Area(s).

(d): More than 124 lakh passengers have flown in over 2.34 lakh RCS flights so far.

(e): Efforts are made to promote the Scheme through print, visual and digital media. Events such as Heli Summit, Ministerial Conferences, Wings India exhibitions also promote of the Scheme. Domestic Scheduled Airlines are advised to make in-flight announcements regarding UDAN.
