

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
Lok Sabha
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1891
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 14th December 2023)
DISCONTINUATION OF ROUTES UNDER UDAN

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether it is true that the discontinued routes under the Regional Connectivity Scheme – UDAN are being put up again for bidding and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether it is also true that 50 per cent of the UDAN routes have shut down since the launch of the Scheme in 2017 and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) whether it is also true that 15 airports developed under the said scheme have fallen into disuse and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION
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(a): Under the RCS scheme, a route which has been discontinued and cancelled by the competent authority, can be bidded again by any airline in subsequent rounds of bidding. A total of 20 RCS routes that were discontinued and cancelled before the completion of 03 years tenure, which fulfill the criteria for being RCS, were awarded in subsequent rounds of bidding.

(b) 517 Routes have been operationalised so far under the scheme till 30.11.23, of which 56% routes continue to operate presently, including routes that are continuing even after the expiry of 03 years tenure.

(c): Under the UDAN scheme, 76 Airports/heliports/Water Aerodromes have been operationalised as of 30.11.2023, out of

which, 12 Airports, including 2 Water Aerodromes, are presently non-operational and are included in the list of unserved airports available for bidding under the UDAN scheme. Details are at Annexure.

ANNEXURE**List of Airports/Heliports/Water-Aerodromes non-operational as of 01.12.23**

S. N	Airport/Heliports(H)/Water Aerodromes (WA)	Last Date of Operation	Reason for being non-operational
1.	Sabarmati river Front (WA)	11.04. 2021	No Airline filed to operate
2.	Statue of Unity (WA)	11.04. 2021	No Airline filed to operate
3.	Hisar	31.07.2021	Development work ongoing
4.	Adampur	17.12.2021	Development work ongoing
5.	Pathankot	28.02.2022	No Airline filed to operate
6.	Nanded	28.02.2022	Licence suspended
7.	Jalgaon	28.02.2022	No Airline filed to operate
8.	Pithoragarh	23.01.2023	Operator yet to commence routes
9.	Almora (H)	28.01.2023	Operator yet to commence routes
10.	Haldwani(H)	28.01.2023	Operator yet to commence routes
11.	Jaisalmer	05.03.2023	Seasonal airport
12.	Bikaner	18.05.2023	Operator yet to commence routes