

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION**  
**Lok Sabha**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 738**  
**( TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 7th December 2023 )**  
**PROMOTION OF AIR TRAVEL**

**738. SHRI BALAK NATH**

**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION**

**be pleased to state:-**

- (a) the new sectors which have been identified by the Government to promote air travel in the country during the last three years;**
- (b) whether private and public sector service providers have been permitted to provide air services in the said identified sectors and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether any increase in number of air passengers have been noticed by the Government during the last three years and if so, the details thereof;and**
- (d) whether the Government expects any increase in the number of air passengers by 2024 and if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

**Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION**  
**(GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD))**

**(a): Under Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik (UDAN), 517 routes have been operationalised connecting 76 Airports since its' inception. Year-wise breakup of RCS airports and routes operationalised in the last 3 years are available at Annexure-I & II.**

**(b): Under the UDAN scheme, both private and public sector entities are involved in providing air services. Private airlines viz. Indigo, Spicejet, Star Air, Heritage Aviation, Air Taxi, Fly Big, IndiaOne Air and Public sector operators namely, Alliance Air and Pawan Hans Ltd. operate the flights. ;**

**(c) & (d): The details of passenger growth during last three years are at Annexure-III. India is one of the fastest growing aviation markets in the world. As per the trends during the last three years the number of air passengers is likely to increase during the year 2024.**

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## Annexure-I

### List of RCS Airports operationalized during FY 2020-2023

S. No.	Airport	Date of operationalization
<b>Financial Year 2020-21</b> (Total 9 Nos. Unserved airports)		
1.	New Tehri – <b>Heliport</b> (Round-2)(Unserved)	29-Jul-2020
2.	Srinagar – <b>Heliport</b> (Round-2)(Unserved)	29-Jul-2020
3.	Statue of Unity (W) (Round-3)(Unserved)	31-Oct-2020
4.	Sabarmati River Front (W) (Round-3) (Unserved)	31-Oct-2020
5.	Darbhanga(Round-1)(Unserved)	08-Nov-2020
6.	Hissar (Round-2)(Unserved)	14-Jan-2021
7.	Bilaspur (Round-1)(Unserved)	01-Mar-2021
8.	Bareilly (Unserved)	08-Mar-2021
9.	Kurnool (Unserved) (Round-3)	28-Mar-2021
<b>Financial Year 2021-22</b> (Total 9 Nos. Unserved airports)		
1.	Rupsi (Unserved)	08-May-2021
2.	Passighat (Unserved)	24-May-2021
3.	Tezu (Unserved)	15-Aug-2021
4.	Haldwani – <b>Heliport</b> (Round-2) (Unserved)	08-Oct-2021
5.	Sindhudurg (Unserved)	09-Oct-2021
6.	Kushinagar (unserved)	26-Nov-2021
7.	Mandi - <b>Heliport</b> (Round-2) (Unserved)	09-Dec-2021
8.	Rampur – <b>Heliport</b> (Round-2) (Unserved)	14-Dec-2021
9.	Gondia (Round-4( (Unserved)	13-Mar-2022
<b>Financial Year 2022-23</b> (Total 8 Nos. Unserved airports)		
1.	Keshod (Round-2) (Unserved)	16-Apr-2022
2.	Deoghar (Round-4.1) (Unserved)	12-July-2022
3.	Jeypore (Round-1) (Unserved)	03-Aug-2022
4.	Almora – Heliport (Round-2) (Unserved)	26-Aug-2022
5.	Rourkela (Round-1) (Unserved)	07-Jan-2023

6.	Hollongi (Round-4.3) (Unservd)	15-Jan-2023
7.	Jamshedpur (Round-1) (Unservd)	31-Jan-2023
8.	Cooch Behar (Round-1) (Unservd)	21-Feb-2023

### Annexure-II

#### RCS Routes operationalised Year-wise under UDAN

Year	No. of RCS Routes operationalized
2021	102
2022	52
2023	60
<b>Total</b>	<b>214</b>

### Annexure-III

Passengers carried and Growth of Indian operators for Schedule Domestic Operations & International Operations from F.Y 2020-21 to 2022-23 (P)				
Financial Year	Passengers(in numbers)			
	Schedule Domestic Passengers	International Passengers	Total Passengers	Growth(in %)
2020-21	53,330,502	5,427,003	58,757,505	-64.2
2021-22	84,184,459	10,216,538	94,400,997	60.7
2022-23(*P)	136,028,656	23,876,218	159,904,874	69.4

\*P- Provisional.