

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 2956  
(To be answered on the 5<sup>th</sup> December 2019)**

**EXPANSION OF SMALL AND MEDIUM AIRPORTS**

**2956. SHRI RAKESH SINGH**

**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION**

**नागर विमानन मंत्री**

**be pleased to state:-**

- (a) whether the Government has any scheme on expansion and development of the small and medium level airports of the country and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Government has identified the cities for the purpose;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) whether the Government proposes to take any steps on making domestic flights affordable and to connect maximum cities with metropolitans and if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

**Minister of State (IC) in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION**

**नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (स्वतंत्र प्रभार)**

**(Shri Hardeep Singh Puri)**

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**(a) to (d): Ministry of Civil Aviation has launched Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) on 21-10-2016 to stimulate regional air connectivity by making air travel affordable to the masses. However, RCS - UDAN is a market driven scheme. The interested airlines based on their assessment of demand on particular routes submit their proposals at the time of bidding under RCS - UDAN from time to time. The Implementing Agency has conducted three rounds of bidding under RCS-UDAN so far. Out of the 688 awarded routes, RCS operations have started on 232 routes. Details of the unserved and underserved RCS airports where RCS operations have started are attached as Annexure-1.**

**Promoting affordability of regional air connectivity is envisioned under RCS - UDAN by supporting airline operators through (i) concessions by Central Government, State Governments and airport operators to reduce the cost of airline operations on regional routes and (ii) financial support (Viability Gap Funding) to meet the gap, if any, between the cost of airline operations and expected revenues on regional routes.**

**Annexure-1**

**Statement referred to in reply of Lok Sabha Unstarred Q. No.  
2956 for answer on 05.12.2019**

**List of unserved/underserved RCS Airports started till  
02.12.2019 under RCS-UDAN**

| S No | State            | Airport                   |
|------|------------------|---------------------------|
| 1.   | Andhra Pradesh   | Kadapa (Underserved)      |
| 2.   | Assam            | Jorhat (Underserved)      |
| 3.   |                  | Lilabari (Underserved)    |
| 4.   |                  | Tezpur (Underserved)      |
| 5.   | Chhattisgarh     | Jagdalpur                 |
| 6.   | Daman & Diu      | Diu (Underserved)         |
| 7.   | Gujarat          | Bhavnagar (Underserved)   |
| 8.   |                  | Jamnagar (Underserved)    |
| 9.   |                  | Kandla                    |
| 10.  |                  | Mundra                    |
| 11.  |                  | Porbandar (Underserved)   |
| 12.  |                  | Shimla                    |
| 13.  | Himachal Pradesh | Kullu                     |
| 14.  | Karnataka        | Belgaum (Underserved)     |
| 15.  |                  | Hubli (Underserved)       |
| 16.  |                  | Mysore                    |
| 17.  |                  | Vidyanagar                |
| 18.  |                  | Kalaburagi (Gulbarga)     |
| 19.  | Kerala           | Kannur                    |
| 20.  | Madhya Pradesh   | Gwalior (Underserved)     |
| 21.  | Maharashtra      | Jalgaon                   |
| 22.  |                  | Kolhapur                  |
| 23.  |                  | Nanded                    |
| 24.  |                  | Ozar (Nasik)              |
| 25.  | Meghalaya        | Shillong (Underserved)    |
| 26.  | Odisha           | Jharsuguda                |
| 27.  | Pondicherry (UT) | Pondicherry (Underserved) |

| S No | State         | Airport                 |
|------|---------------|-------------------------|
| 28.  | Punjab        | Adampur                 |
| 29.  |               | Bhatinda                |
| 30.  |               | Ludhiana                |
| 31.  |               | Pathankot               |
| 32.  | Rajasthan     | Bikaner                 |
| 33.  |               | Jaisalmer               |
| 34.  |               | Kishangarh              |
| 35.  | Sikkim        | Pakyong                 |
| 36.  | Tamil Nadu    | Salem                   |
| 37.  | Uttar Pradesh | Agra (Underserved)      |
| 38.  |               | Allahabad (Underserved) |
| 39.  |               | Kanpur(Chakeri)         |
| 40.  |               | Hindon                  |
| 41.  | Uttarakhand   | Pantnagar (Underserved) |
| 42.  |               | Pithoragarh             |
| 43.  | West Bengal   | Durgapur(Underserved)   |