

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 4197
(To be answered on the 19th March 2020)**

ROUTES UNDER UDAN

4197. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

ताम्र विमानत मंत्री

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether any of the routes going under bidding in the fourth round of scheme UDAN include any routes originating or concluding in Jharkhand and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether any awarded routes have been made operational so far and if so, the percentage thereof;
- (c) the reasons for all the awarded routes not having been made operational up till now; and
- (d) the details of the subsidies that have been granted to the airlines from an annual regional connectivity fund?

ANSWER

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

ताम्र विमानत मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (स्वतंत्र प्रभार)

(Shri Hardeep Singh Puri)

(a) to (d): Unserved and underserved airports of Jharkhand namely, Chaibasa, Chakulia, Dhalbhumgarh, Daltonganj, Deoghar, Dhanbad, Dumka, Giridih, Jamshedpur, Sindri and Hazaribagh figure in the tentative list of Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) Airports of RCS Document. RCS - UDAN is 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. Airports Authority of India(AAI), the Implementing Agency, had initiated fourth round of bidding under RCS-UDAN on 03.12.2019. In case, any valid bid is received connecting airports in Jharkhand, same shall be considered as per the provisions of the RCS document. Out of 688 valid awarded routes by the Implementing Agency, 266 routes have been operationalized so far and the percentage thereof comes to 39%.

Some of the reasons for non operationalization of remaining UDAN routes are:-

i) Lack of infrastructure of civil airports due to non-availability of land, delay related to compliance of the regulations by the airport operators, lack of road connectivity to the airports.

ii) Non-completion of the process involved in obtaining Scheduled Commuter Operators Permit by the Airlines.

The Implementing Agency has disbursed Viability Gap Funding (VGF) Claim of Rs. 666.28 crore to the Selected Airline operators till 2nd March, 2020 from Regional Air Connectivity Fund Trust(RACFT) in respect of RCS Flights operated by them under RCS - UDAN.
