

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1990  
(To be answered on the 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2020)**

**UDAN NETWORK**

**1990. SHRI RODMAL NAGAR**

**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION**

**नागर विमानन मंत्री**

**be pleased to state:-**

- (a) the date by which flight services under inter-district UDAN Network are likely to be implemented in Madhya Pradesh;**
- (b) the number of flights sanctioned and being operated for Bhopal under this scheme and the details thereof;**
- (c) the details of the companies having licence under the scheme; and**
- (d) the seating capacity of aeroplanes for which the companies have been accorded permission?**

**ANSWER**

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

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

**(Shri Hardeep Singh Puri)**

**(a) & (b): To stimulate regional air connectivity and making air travel affordable to the masses, Ministry of Civil Aviation has launched Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) on 21-10-2016. 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. After four rounds of bidding under RCS-UDAN, Airports Authority of India (AAI) has awarded routes connecting Prayagraj, Udaipur, Agra and Bilaspur to Bhopal. Selected Airline Operator (SAO) has commenced RCS flights from Bhopal to Udaipur. After suspension of domestic flight operations from 25th March, 2020 to 24th May, 2020, domestic air services including RCS operations have recommenced with effect from 25.05.2020. Airlines are resuming the commenced RCS routes in a calibrated manner.**

**(c): The RCS routes from the airports in Madhya Pradesh have been awarded to M/s Alliance Air, Indigo, Zoom Air, Ghodawat Enterprises & Spicejet.**

**(d): The seating capacity of the deployed aircraft of Selected Airline Operator (SAO) for operations in Madhya Pradesh ranges between 50 to 189.**

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