

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1696
(To be answered on the 11th February 2021)**

AIR CONNECTIVITY TO NILGIRIS

1696. SHRI A. RAJA

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government proposes to establish direct air connectivity service to Nilgiris under UDAN Scheme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the efforts made by the Government to connect direct air services to tourist places across the country, including Tamil Nadu?

ANSWER

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

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(a) to (c): Upto Phase II of 4th round of bidding, the implementing agency, Airports Authority of India (AAI) has awarded 39 UDAN routes in Tamil Nadu. Out of these, 12 routes have been operationalized by the selected Airline Operators. Details of the routes awarded under UDAN and status thereof are attached as Annexure-I. The implementing agency, AAI, subsequently cancelled 19 RCS routes due to non-compliance with the Agreement (SAOA) by the Selected Airline Operator(s). The UDAN scheme launched by the Ministry of Civil Aviation in 2016 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 UDAN from time to time. Details of the Tourism RCS routes awarded by the Airport Authority of India, the Implementing agency and details of the operationalization of Tourism RCS routes are attached as Annexure-II and Annexure-III respectively.

(Statement referred to in reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No 1696 for answer on 11.02.2021.)

Status of RCS routes connecting Tamil Nadu awarded under UDAN

Round	Fixed-wing /Helicopter/ Sea Plane	Departure Airport	Arrival Airport	Started on	Remark
1	Fixed-wing	Chennai	Kadapa	16-11-2017	
		Kadapa	Chennai	16-11-2017	
		Chennai	Mysore	20-09-2017	
		Mysore	Chennai	20.09.2017	
		Chennai	Salem	25-03-2018	
		Salem	Chennai	25-03-2018	
		Chennai	Kadapa		CANCELLED
		Kadapa	Chennai		CANCELLED
		Chennai	Mysore		CANCELLED
		Mysore	Chennai		CANCELLED
		Chennai	Neyveli		CANCELLED
		Chennai	Pondicherry		CANCELLED
		Pondicherry	Chennai		CANCELLED
		Neyveli	Chennai		CANCELLED
		Salem	Bangalore		CANCELLED
		Bangalore	Salem		CANCELLED
Bangalore	Pondicherry		CANCELLED		
2	Fixed-wing	Chennai	Hubli	01-07-2018	
		Hubli	Chennai	01-07-2018	
		Chennai	Hubli	14-05-2018	CANCELLED
		Hubli	Chennai	14.05.2018	CANCELLED
		Chennai	Kannur	25-01-2019	
		Kannur	Chennai	25.01.2019	
		Chennai	Kannur		CANCELLED
		Kannur	Chennai		CANCELLED
		Chennai	Tanjore		
		Chennai	Vellore		CANCELLED
		Tanjore	Chennai		
		Vellore	Bangalore		CANCELLED
Bangalore	Vellore		CANCELLED		
Vellore	Chennai		CANCELLED		
3	Fixed-wing	Chennai	Durgapur	27-10-2019	
		Durgapur	Chennai	27.10.2019	
		Tanjore	Bangalore		
		Bangalore	Tanjore		
		Chennai	Ramnad		
4		Ramnad	Chennai		
		Kurnool	Chennai		
		Chennai	Kurnool		

Annexure-II

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List of Tourism Routes awarded under Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) – UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik).

S.No	Routes
1.	Agra To Bhopal
2.	Bhopal To Agra
3.	Agra To Indore
4.	Indore To Agra
5.	Bengaluru To Mysuru
6.	Mysuru To Bengaluru
7.	Dibrugarh To Dimapur
8.	Dimapur To Dibrugarh
9.	Dimapur To Imphal
10.	Imphal To Dimapur
11.	Gaya To Kushinagar
12.	Kushinagar To Gaya
13.	Lucknow To Saharanpur(Sarsawa)
14.	Saharanpur(Sarsawa) To Lucknow
15.	Portblair To Shibpur
16.	Shibpur To Portblair
17.	Shimla To Kullu
18	Agartala To Aizawl
19	Aizawl To Agartala
20	Ahmedabad To Udaipur
21	Udaipur To Ahmedabad
22	Amritsar To Jaipur
23	Jaipur To Amritsar
24	Amritsar To Kolkata
25	Kolkata To Amritsar
26	Amritsar To Patna
27	Patna To Amritsar
28	Aurangabad To Udaipur
29	Udaipur To Aurangabad
30	Bhopal To Udaipur
31	Udaipur To Bhopal
32	Bhubaneshwar To Varanasi
33	Varanasi To Bhubaneshwar
34	Bikaner To Jaisalmer

35	Jaisalmer To Bikaner
36	Calicut To Delhi
37	Delhi To Calicut
38	Delhi To Khajuraho
39	Khajuraho To Delhi
40	Dibrugarh To Imphal
41	Imphal To Dibrugarh
42	Jodhpur To Udaipur
43	Udaipur To Jodhpur
44	Rajamundry To Vishakhapatnam
45	Vishakhapatnam To Rajamundry
46	Varanasi To Patna

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Details of Tourism RCS routes operationalized under UDAN

Sr. No	Departure Airport	Arrival Airport	Operationalization Date
1.	AHMEDABAD(Gujarat)	UDAIPUR (Rajasthan)	25-03-2019
2.	UDAIPUR (Rajasthan)	AHMEDABAD(Gujarat)	25-03-2019
3.	AMRITSAR(Punjab)	JAIPUR(Rajasthan)	31-03-2019
4.	JAIPUR(Rajasthan)	AMRITSAR	31-03-2019
5.	BHOPAL (MP)	UDAIPUR (Rajasthan)	31-03-2019
6.	UDAIPUR (Rajasthan)	BHOPAL(MP)	31-03-2019
7.	BANGALORE (Karnataka)	MYSORE (Karnataka)	07-06-2019
8.	MYSORE (Karnataka)	BANGALORE (Karnataka)	07-06-2019
9.	RAJAMUNDRY (Andhra Pradesh)	VISHAKHAPATNAM (Andhra Pradesh)	15-09-2019
10.	VISHAKHAPATNAM (Andhra Pradesh)	RAJAMUNDRY (Andhra Pradesh)	15-09-2019
11.	KOLKATA (WB)	AMRITSAR (PUNJAB)	01-12-2019
12.	AMRITSAR (PUNJAB)	KOLKATA (WB)	01-12-2019
13.	DIMAPUR (Nagaland)	IMPHAL (Manipur)	07-12-2019
14.	IMPHAL (Manipur)	DIMAPUR (Nagaland)	07-12-2019
15.	VARANASI (UP)	BHUBANESHWAR (Odisha)	31-01-2020
16.	BHUBANESHWAR (Odisha)	VARANASI (UP)	31-01-2020
17.	AIZAWL (Mizoram)	AGARTALA (Tripura)	29-02-2020
18.	AGARTALA (Tripura)	AIZAWL (Mizoram)	29-02-2020
19.	VARANASI (UP)	BHUBANESHWAR (Odisha)	29-02-2020
20.	BHUBANESHWAR (Odisha)	VARANASI (UP)	29-02-2020
21.	VARANASI (UP)	PATNA (Bihar)	21-08-2020
22.	AMRITSAR (Punjab)	PATNA (Bihar)	28-08-2020
23.	PATNA (Bihar)	AMRITSAR (Punjab)	28-08-2020