

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1799
(To be answered on the 11th February 2021)**

FLIGHT OPERATIONS UNDER UDAN

1799. SHRI MANICKAM TAGORE B.

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government has received representations from the State of Tamil Nadu regarding execution of small airports at cities and flight operations under UDAN scheme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the number of proposals pertaining to the State pending with the Government under UDAN scheme;
- (c) whether the Government has fixed any time frame for those proposals; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon?

ANSWER

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

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(a) to (d): For operationalization of small airports, representations have been received from the States from time to time. Govt. of India has launched Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS)-UDAN(Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) for providing air connectivity to unserved and underserved airports at affordable airfare to masses. Ramnad, Salem , Arakkonam, Chettinad, Cholavaram, Neyveli, Sulur, Ulundurpet, Vellore Airports of Tamil Nadu are included in the scheme documents. The implementing agency, Airports Authority of India (AAI) has awarded 39 UDAN routes in Tamil Nadu till completion of Phase I of 4.0 round of bidding. Out of these, 12 routes have been operationalized by the Selected Airline Operators. The implementing agency, AAI, subsequently cancelled 19 RCS routes due to non-compliance by Selected Airline Operator (SAO). Delay in operationalization of remaining awarded routes under RCS-UDAN is primarily attributed to non-readiness of civil airports, which involves availability of land, creation of infrastructure etc. Details of the routes awarded in Tamil Nadu till 4th round of UDAN bidding and details of the routes operationalized are attached at Annexure-I and Annexure-II respectively.

Annexure-I

(Statement referred to in reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No 1799 for answer on 11.02.2021)

Details of RCS routes connecting Tamil Nadu awarded under UDAN

Round	Fixed-wing /Helicopter/ Sea Plane	Departure Airport	Arrival Airport
1	Fixed-wing	Chennai	Kadapa
		Kadapa	Chennai
		Chennai	Mysore
		Mysore	Chennai
		Chennai	Salem
		Salem	Chennai
		Chennai	Kadapa
		Kadapa	Chennai
		Chennai	Mysore
		Mysore	Chennai
		Chennai	Neyveli
		Chennai	Pondicherry
		Pondicherry	Chennai
		Neyveli	Chennai
		Salem	Bangalore
		Bangalore	Salem
		Salem	Pondicherry
2	Fixed-wing	Chennai	Hubli
		Hubli	Chennai
		Chennai	Hubli
		Hubli	Chennai

		Chennai	Kannur
		Kannur	Chennai
		Chennai	Kannur
		Kannur	Chennai
		Chennai	Tanjore
		Chennai	Vellore
		Tanjore	Chennai
		Vellore	Bangalore
		Bangalore	Vellore
		Vellore	Chennai
3	Fixed-wing	Chennai	Durgapur
		Durgapur	Chennai
		Tanjore	Bangalore
		Bangalore	Tanjore
		Chennai	Ramnad
		Ramnad	Chennai
4		Kurnool	Chennai
		Chennai	Kurnool

Annexure-II

(Statement referred to in reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No 1799 for answer on 11.02.2021)

Details of RCS routes connecting Tamil Nadu operationalized under UDAN

Round	Fixed-wing /Helicopter/ Sea Plane	Departure Airport	Arrival Airport	Started on
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
2	Fixed-wing	Chennai	Hubli	01-07-2018
		Hubli	Chennai	01-07-2018
		Chennai	Kannur	25-01-2019
		Kannur	Chennai	25.01.2019
3	Fixed-wing	Chennai	Durgapur	27-10-2019
		Durgapur	Chennai	27.10.2019