

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA  
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(To be answered on the 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021)

UDAN SCHEME IN RAJASTHAN

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

- (a) the salient features of UDAN scheme;
- (b) the details of funds sanctioned, allocated and utilised under this scheme in Rajasthan during the last three years;
- (c) the number of places of Rajasthan covered under this scheme so far;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to upgrade the existing airstrip in Sri Ganganagar district and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Government is contemplating to cover all the district of Rajasthan under this scheme; and if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be done?

ANSWER

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(a): The salient features of the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) scheme are as under:

- i. The RCS - UDAN is designed to enable air operations on underserved/unserved routes connecting regional areas, promote balanced regional growth and make flying affordable for masses.
- ii. Financial incentives in terms of concessions from Central, State Governments and airport operators are extended to Selected Airline Operators to encourage operations from unserved/underserved airports/heliports/water aerodromes and to keep the air fare affordable.
- iii. Support to the Selected Airline Operators in the form of Viability Gap Funding (VGF). State Governments concerned provide 20% share towards

VGF for RCS flights pertaining to their states. However, the share of VGF for North-Eastern states and the Union Territories is 10%.

iv. Excise Duty at the rate of 2% is levied on Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) drawn by Selected Airline Operators at RCS Airports for RCS Flights for a period of three (3) years from the date of commencement of RCS flight.

v. The airlines are required to commit around 50% of the seats as RCS seats (limited to 40 seats) on RCS flights.

vi. Regional Connectivity Fund (RCF) is created by levying Rs.5000/- on each departure of flights on aircraft having MTOW (Maximum Take-Off Weight) above 40 Tonnes except for the departure of flights on routes in North East Region, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Union Territories of Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep Islands.

vii. For balanced regional growth, route allocations are spread equitably across five regions in the country viz. North, South, East, West and North East (with a cap of 30% in a given region).

viii. RCS-UDAN is a market driven mechanism. Development of regional air connectivity routes is left to market forces. The interested airlines based on their assessment of demand on particular routes submit proposals at the time of bidding under RCS - UDAN from time to time.

(b) and (c): Details of the funds sanctioned and utilized in Rajasthan under the "revival/development of airports" scheme to promote UDAN scheme is attached as Annexure. AAI, the Implementing Agency, has awarded UDAN routes connecting Bikaner, Jaisalmer, Jaipur, Kishangarh, Kota, Udaipur and Uterlai till three rounds of bidding under the scheme.

(d): An airport which is included in the awarded routes of UDAN and requires upgradation/development for commencement of RCS operations is developed under "Revival of unserved and underserved airports" scheme.

e): 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.

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**Statement as referred to in reply to part (b) & (c) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.3748 for answer on 18.03.2021**

Airport	Revised Sanctioned Amount (Rs. In Lakhs)	Expenditure incurred (Rs. In Lakhs)
Bikaner (Nal)	900	311.9
Kishangarh	2500	678.2
Uterlai	1600	0.4
Jaisalmer	1000	100
Total	6000	1090.5