

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 630
(To be answered on the 4th February 2021)**

FLIGHTS FROM KISHANGARH AIRPORT

630. SHRI BHAGIRATH CHOUDHARY

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government has received representation to start the operation of new flights from the Kishangarh airport in Ajmer;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Jaisalmer, Jodhpur routes have been awarded under the flight plan from Kishangarh (Ajmer) airport;
- (d) if so, the time by which the flight is likely to be started on the above said routes;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to start air services for metropolitan cities like Mumbai, Bengaluru, Pune, Chennai, Kolkata, Guwahati and Amritsar from Kishangarh (Ajmer) airport immediately; and
- (f) if so, the time by which it is likely to be done?

ANSWER

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

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(a) to (f): The Ministry of Civil Aviation receives requests for connecting various cities including Kishangarh in Rajasthan to various parts of the country from time to time. However, after repeal of the Air Corporation Act in March 1994, the Indian domestic aviation market has been deregulated. Consequently, airlines are free to induct capacity with any aircraft type for selecting whatever markets and network they wish to service and operate across the country subject to compliance with the Route Dispersal Guidelines (RDGs). Thus, it is up to the airlines to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and their commercial viability, in compliance with the RDGs. However, the Ministry regularly interacts with the stakeholders from time to time with an aim to improve air connectivity.

Further, Ministry of Civil Aviation has launched Regional Connectivity Scheme - UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) scheme on 21-10-2016 to

facilitate / stimulate regional air connectivity and make air travel affordable to the masses. 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.

The implementing agency, Airports Authority of India (AAI), has identified Kishangarh airport to connect Ahmedabad, Delhi, Hyderabad, Indore, Surat, Udaipur, Jaisalmer, Lucknow and Jodhpur under UDAN scheme. Currently, Kishangarh is connected to Delhi, Ahmedabad, Indore and Surat. The Selected Airline Operators (SAOs) under UDAN are obligated to commence RCS flight operations on a RCS-route within a period of six months from the issuance of Letter of Award or within two months from the readiness of airport, whichever is later, unless any extension is granted by the Implementing Agency.
