

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 2958  
(To be answered on the 5<sup>th</sup> August 2021)**

**AIR SERVICE FOR NORTH-EASTERN STATES**

**2958. SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT**

**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION**

**नागर विमानन मंत्री**

**be pleased to state:-**

- (a) whether the Government is contemplating to increase air services for North-Eastern States;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?**

**ANSWER**

**Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION**

**नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री**

**(GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD))**

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**(a) to (c):** Ministry of Civil Aviation has launched Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS)- UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) on 21-10-2016 to enhance regional air connectivity from unserved and underserved airports in the country by making air travel affordable to the masses. States of North Eastern Region (NER) have been included in the Scheme Document as Priority Area(s). Till date, 780 routes have been awarded under UDAN including routes in the North Eastern Region and 359 UDAN routes have been operationalized. So far, UDAN flights from Passighat, Rupsi, Jorhat, Lilabari, Tezpur, Shillong, Dimapur and Pakyong in NER have been operationalized by the Selected Airline Operators (SAOs).

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