

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 604
(To be answered on the 22nd July 2021)**

AIRPORTS IN SMALL CITIES

604. SHRI ANURAG SHARMA

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up airports in the small cities of the country;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether any proposal regarding setting up of airports in Jhansi and Lalitpur have been received in this regard;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) the time by which the construction of the said airports is likely to be completed?**

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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(a) & (b): Ministry of Civil Aviation has launched Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN (Ude Deshka Aam Nagrik) on 21-10-2016 to stimulate regional air connectivity and making air travel affordable to the masses. UDAN is 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. 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.

(c) to (e): Jhansi & Lalitpur Airports are available in UDAN scheme document. The routes, Jhansi-Lucknow-Jhansi, identified for operation of RCS flights, were terminated due to non-compliance of contractual obligations by Selected Airline Operator. Terminated routes were offered in special round of bidding 4.1 under UDAN conducted recently. However, no bid has been received for operation of flight from Jhansi. No airline has submitted valid bid for operation of RCS flights from Lalitpur Airport till 4th round of bidding.