

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
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(To be answered on the 2nd December 2021)**

NEW ROUTES UNDER UDAN SCHEME

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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 the new routes identified under the phase 4.0 of this scheme within Assam;
- (c) whether the Government has sanctioned any funds for the phase 4.0 of the scheme within Assam;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the steps being taken by the Government for improving regional connectivity under UDAN within Assam; and
- (f) whether the Government has fixed any target in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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(a): Ministry of Civil Aviation launched Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) on 21-10-2016 to stimulate regional air connectivity and make air travel affordable for the masses. The salient features of the UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) scheme are as under:

- i) The Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) 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 scheme. Development of regional air connectivity routes is left to market forces. Interested airlines based on their assessment of demand on particular routes submit proposals at the time of bidding under RCS - UDAN.

(b): Under 4th round of bidding of UDAN, 42 routes have been identified in Assam. Details of these identified routes in Assam are annexed.

(c) & (d): Rupees 8 crore has been approved as estimated cost for development of airport/heliport in Assam under revival/upgradation of airports/airstrips/heliports/water aerodromes scheme for UDAN flights.

(e) & (f): UDAN is a demand driven scheme. Interested airlines based on their assessment of demand on particular routes submit their proposals at the time of bidding. As of now, 4 airports, 2 water aerodromes and 3 heliports have been identified in Assam for operationalization under UDAN scheme.

Statement in reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Q.No. 775 for 02.12.2021 regarding "New Routes under UDAN"

The details of routes including helicopter routes identified within Assam under UDAN 4.0:-

S.No.	Departure Airport	Arrival Airport
1.	Dibrugarh	Agartala
2.	Agartala	Dibrugarh
3.	Silchar	Imphal
4.	Imphal	Silchar
5.	Silchar	Shillong
6.	Shillong	Silchar
7.	Rupsi	Guwahati
8.	Guwahati	Rupsi
9.	Rupsi	Kolkata
10.	Kolkata	Rupsi
11.	Tezpur	Aizawl
12.	Aizawl	Tezpur
13.	Guwahati	Shillong
14.	Shillong	Guwahati
15.	Guwahati	Tezu
16.	Tezu	Guwahati
17.	Guwahati	Passighat
18.	Passighat	Guwahati
19.	Guwahati	Tezpur
20.	Tezpur	Guwahati
21.	Guwahati	Misa
22.	Misa	Guwahati
23.	Misa	Geleki
24.	Geleki	Misa
25.	Geleki	Jorhat
26.	Jorhat	Geleki
27.	Dibrugarh	Shillong
28.	Shillong	Dibrugarh
29.	Nagaon(H)	Guwahati
30.	Guwahati	Nagaon(H)
31.	Guwahati	Tura (H)
32.	Tura (H)	Guwahati
33.	Tezpur	Kolkata
34.	Kolkata	Tezpur
35.	Guwahati	Cooch Behar
36.	Cooch Behar	Guwahati
37.	Lilabari	Tezpur
38.	Tezpur	Lilabari

39.	Jorhat	Passighat
40.	Passighat	Jorhat
41.	Lilabari	Shillong
42.	Shillong	Lilabari