

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 2758
(To be answered on the 17th March 2022)**

OBJECTIVES OF UDAN SCHEME

2758. **SHRI SANGAM LAL GUPTA
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

- (a) the details of the objectives and expected timeline of the Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik (UDAN) scheme;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to implement the regional connectivity scheme UDAN in Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha and Rajasthan;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to use underserved or closed airports in the country under this scheme;
- (e) if so, the steps taken to improve the infrastructure of these airports; and
- (f) the details of airports, airlines, routes and cities covered so far under the scheme?

ANSWER

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(a) to (c) : 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 UDAN scheme envisages providing connectivity to unserved and underserved airports of the country through revival of the existing airstrips and airports. The scheme would be in operation for a period of ten years. The salient features of the UDAN scheme are as under:

- i) The Regional Connectivity Scheme - 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 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.

v) 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. Interested airlines based on their assessment of demand on particular routes submit proposals at the time of bidding under RCS - UDAN.

(d) to (f): UDAN is a market driven scheme. An airport which is included in the awarded routes of UDAN and requires upgradation / development for commencement of RCS operations, is developed under "Revival/upgradation of unserved and underserved airports/heliports/water aerodromes" Scheme. The Government of India has approved a budget of Rs. 4500 crore for revival of existing unserved / underserved airports / airstrips of the State Governments, Airports Authority of India, Public Sector Undertakings and Civil Enclaves. An amount of Rs. 2097.22 crores has been reimbursed by the Ministry of Civil Aviation to the Airports Authority of India (AAI), the Implementing Agency, till February, 2022 under the scheme.

Bids awarded by AAI, the Implementing Agency covers all the States/UTs for operationalization of RCS flights in the country under UDAN. The Implementing Agency has awarded 948 valid routes involving 154 Airports/Heliports/Water Aerodromes. Out of 154 airports/heliports/Water Aerodromes, 66 Airports/Heliports/Water Aerodromes and 409 routes have been operationalized so far under the scheme as on 14.03.2022. List of 66 UDAN airports/heliports/water aerodromes is annexed.

ANNEXURE

Statement referred to in reply of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2758 regarding "Objectives of UDAN Scheme" for answer on 17.03.2022

List of 66 RCS Airports operationalized

S No.	State	Airport
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Kadapa (Underserved)
2.		Kurnool Airport
3.	Assam	Jorhat (Underserved)
4.		Lilabari (Underserved)
5.		Tezpur (Underserved)
6.		Rupsi
7.	Arunachal Pradesh	Tezu
8.		Passighat
9.	Bihar	Darbhanga
10.	Chhattisgarh	Jagdalpur
11.		Bilaspur
12.	Daman & Diu	Diu (Underserved)
13.	Gujarat	Bhavnagar (Underserved)
14.		Jamnagar (Underserved)
15.		Kandla
16.		Mundra
17.		Porbandar (Underserved)
18.		Statue of Unity (W)
19.		Sabarmati River Front (W)
20.	Haryana	Hissar
21.	Himachal Pradesh	Shimla
22.		Kullu (Underserved)
23.		Mandi (H) Heliport
24.		Rampur (H) Heliport
25.	Karnataka	Belgaum (Underserved)
26.		Hubli (Underserved)
27.		Mysore
28.		Vidyanagar
29.		Kalaburgi (Gulbarga)
30.		Bidar
31.	Kerala	Kannur
32.	Madhya Pradesh	Gwalior (Underserved)
33.	Maharashtra	Jalgaon
34.		Kolhapur
35.		Nanded

S No.	State	Airport
36.		Ozar (Nasik)
37.		Sindhudurg
38.		Gondia
39.	Meghalaya	Shillong (Underserved)
40.	Nagaland	Dimapur (Underserved)
41.	Odisha	Jharsuguda
42.	Pondicherry (UT)	Pondicherry (Underserved)
43.	Punjab	Adampur
44.		Bhatinda
45.		Ludhiana
46.		Pathankot
47.	Rajasthan	Bikaner
48.		Jaisalmer
49.		Kishangarh
50.	Sikkim	Pakyong
51.	Tamil Nadu	Salem
52.	Uttar Pradesh	Agra (Underserved)
53.		Allahabad (Underserved)
54.		Kanpur(Chakeri)
55.		Hindon
56.		Bareilly
57.		Kushinagar
58.	Uttarakhand	Pantnagar (Underserved)
59.		Pithoragarh
60.		Sahastradhara - Heliport
61.		Chinyalisaur -Heliport
62.		Gaucher -Heliport
63.		New Tehri -Heliport
64.		Srinagar -Heliport
65.		Haldwani - Heliport
66.	West Bengal	Durgapur(Underserved)

(W) Water Aerodrome