

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 279
(To be answered on the 3rd February 2022)**

AIRFARE CAP UNDER RCS

279. **SHRI PRADEEP KUMAR SINGH
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government has capped the airfare at Rs. 2500 for one hour flight under Regional Connectivity Scheme - Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik (RCS-UDAN) launched in the country including Maharashtra, Bihar, Gujarat and Rajasthan and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to start flights from Phaltan, Forbesganj, Manpur (Abu Road) and Amreli airports under the said scheme and if so, the time by which it will be started;
- (c) the details of non-functional and underutilised airports in the country including Maharashtra, Bihar, Gujarat and Rajasthan from where the Government proposes to start flight operations under the said scheme, State-wise; and
- (d) the details of airlines which have been permitted to start flight operations in the country including Maharashtra, Bihar, Gujarat and Rajasthan so far under the said scheme along with the number of cities and routes where they have been permitted to start flight operations?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री

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(a): Ministry of Civil Aviation had launched Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) on 21-10-2016 to stimulate regional air connectivity for making air travel affordable to the masses.

UDAN is a market driven scheme. Interested airlines based on their assessment of demand on particular routes submit their proposals at the time of bidding under UDAN.

While launching the Scheme in 2016, the Government had capped the Airfare at Rs. 2500 for one-hour flight under UDAN launched in the country including for Maharashtra, Bihar, Gujarat and Rajasthan. However, the capping is subject to indexation as per the formula specified in the UDAN Scheme document.

(b): Phaltan, Forbesganj, Manpur (Abu Road) and Amreli airports are available in the list of unserved airports in the Scheme document.

Till fourth round of bidding under UDAN Scheme, no airline has submitted bid to connect these airports. If valid bids are received in future, same would be considered as per the Scheme Document.

(c) & (d): The number of unserved/underserved airports in Maharashtra, Bihar, Gujarat and Rajasthan figures in the UDAN scheme (UDAN 4.0) document (List is annexed) is 22 in Maharashtra, 27 in Bihar, 13 in Gujarat and 25 in Rajasthan.

Further, Airports Authority of India (AAI), the Implementing Agency, has awarded in total 948 routes across the country under UDAN. Out of which, 403 UDAN routes have commenced connecting 65 UDAN airports including 2 water aerodromes & 8 heliports, as on 31.01.2022.

Annexure

Statement referred to in reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Q.No 279 for answer on 03.02.2022 regarding Airfare Cap under RCS.

List of details of unserved/underserved Airports / Airstrips in Bihar, Gujarat, Maharashtra and Rajasthan

Bihar

S.No. Name of Airport/Airstrip

1. Arrah
2. Begusarai
3. Bettiah
4. Bhabua(Kaimoor)
5. Bhagalpur
6. Bihar Shariff
7. Bihita
8. Birpur
9. Buxur
10. Chhapra
11. Dehri on sonn
12. Farbisganj
13. Hathwa
14. Jehanabad
15. Jogbani
16. Katihar
17. Kishanganj
18. Madhubani
19. Monghyr
20. Motihari
21. Munger
22. Muzzafarpur
23. Naria
24. Panchanpur
25. Raxaul
26. Saharsa
27. Valmiki Nagar

Gujarat

1. Amreli (Amroli)
2. Bhuj
3. Chela
4. Chhand Bet
5. Deesa (Palanpur)
6. Mandvi
7. Mehsana
8. Naliya
9. Mundra
10. Statue of Unity, Sardar Sarovar Dam
11. Sabarmati River Front, Ahmedabad
12. Dharoj Dam
13. Shatrunjay Dam

Maharashtra

1. Akola

2. Baramati
3. Chandrapur
4. Darna Camp
5. Deolali
6. Dhulia
7. Gondia
8. Jath
9. Karad
10. Kawalpur
11. Kudal
12. Latur (MADC)
13. LonavalaAmby Valley
14. Osmanabad
15. Phaltan
16. Shirpur
17. Waluj
18. Amravati
19. Sindhudurg
20. Ratnagiri
21. Erai Dam, Distt. Chandarpur
22. Khindsi Dam, Distt. Nagpur

Rajasthan

1. Abu Road
2. Alwar
3. Banasthali
4. Banswara (Tilwara)
5. Bharatpur
6. Dholpur
7. Gadra Road
8. Hamirgarh
9. Isarda
10. Jhalawar (Brijnagar)
11. Jhunjhunu
12. Kankoroli
13. Lalgarh
14. Malapura
15. Mathania
16. Merta Road
17. Nagaur
18. Pilani
19. Salawas
20. SawaiMadhopur
21. Shahpur
22. Sirohi
23. Suratgarh
24. Kota
25. Uterlai