

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 317
(To be answered on the 3rd February 2022)**

RCS VERSION - 4.0

317. SHRI HEMANT SRIRAM PATIL

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government has recently launched the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) Version 4.0 and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has introduced some new routes under the said version and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether most of the routes have been withdrawn from various private airlines under RCS version - 3.0 because of their inability to launch flights and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the other measures taken by the Government to attract more private airline operators for increasing air connectivity in the country?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The implementation agency, the Airports Authority of India(AAI), under Regional Connectivity Scheme(RCS)-UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik), had conducted UDAN 4.0 round of bidding in December, 2019. A total of 92 routes were awarded to Selected Airlines Operators(SAOs) under this bidding round.

(c) & (d): A total of 335 routes were awarded under UDAN 3.0 bidding round. Out of these routes, 151 routes have been operationalized. During review, the routes which are not found viable for operation due to various reasons on account of SAO and airport are cancelled and offered in future rounds of bidding under UDAN. 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 RCS - UDAN. Moreover, UDAN scheme is reviewed in consultation with stakeholders including SAO periodically and necessary course corrections, if required, are carried out.

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