

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 4625
(To be answered on the 31st March 2022)**

AIR CONNECTIVITY FROM JHARSUGUDA AIRPORT, ODISHA

4625. SHRI NITESH GANGA DEB

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government proposes to start air connectivity from Jharsuguda airport to all the airports in the country; and
(b) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री

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(a) to (b):The Ministry of Civil Aviation has launched Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS)- UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) on 21-10-2016 to enhance regional air connectivity from unserved and underserved airports in the country and by 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. RCS routes have been operationalized by connecting Jharsuguda with Bhubaneshwar, Raipur, Kolkata, Delhi & Hyderabad. Jharsuguda has become a served airport as per the UDAN Scheme document. Now, it is up to the airlines to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and their commercial viability, in compliance with the extant relevant guidelines in this regard.

After repeal of the Air Corporation Act in March 1994, the Indian domestic aviation market has been deregulated. Consequently, airlines are free to induct capacity with any aircraft type for selecting whatever markets and network they wish to operate across the country.
