

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 4724  
(To be answered on the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022)**

**ROUTES UNDER RCS-UDAN**

**4724. SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWAR**

**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION**

**नागर विमानन मंत्री**

**be pleased to state:-**

- (a) the number of routes announced under Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS)-UDAN Scheme since its inception in April 2017 along with the details of routes which are currently operational;
- (b) the number of airports inaugurated all over the country since the scheme came into force and the number of these airports which are currently operational; and
- (c) the details of funds collected by RCS till date and the amount disbursed as Viability Gap Funding (VGF) to airlines?

**ANSWER**

**Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION**

**नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री**

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

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(a) and (b): 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 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. So far, Airports Authority of India (AAI), the Implementing Agency, has awarded 948 valid routes to Selected Airline Operators (SAOs) across the length and breadth of the country involving 154 RCS airports including 14 water aerodromes and 36 helipads. SAOs have operationalized 415 RCS routes under the Scheme as on date (27.03.2022), involving 66 airports including 2 water aerodromes and 8 helipads.

(c): Total receipt/collection in the Regional Air Connectivity Fund Trust(RACFT) is Rs. 2458.95 crore and Viability Gap Funding (VGF) disbursed to the Selected Airline Operator (SAOs) under UDAN up to 21.03.2022 is Rs. 1784.39 crore.

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