

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1990
(To be answered on the 28th July 2022)**

AIRPORTS UNDER UDAN SCHEME ON KERALA

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government proposes to include Calicut International airport under the UDAN scheme and if so, the details thereof;**
(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and
(c) the details of other airports in Kerala listed under UDAN scheme and the benefits and facilities to be received by the airports under the scheme?

ANSWER

Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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(Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia)

(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.

Calicut airport is currently a served airport. However, interested airlines may formulate routes connecting Calicut airport to any unserved and underserved airport and submit bids under RCS-UDAN. Also, in earlier bidding rounds of RCS-UDAN, Calicut - Delhi - Calicut route was awarded as Tourism route (which can connect serving airports) to Selected Airline Operator (SAO) and same also has been operationalized.

(c): Kannur Airport in Kerala was considered during the 2nd round of bidding under RCS UDAN. Routes from Kannur Airport connecting to Cochin, Bangalore, Chennai, Goa, Hubli & Thiruvananthapuram were awarded to SAO and have been operationalized.
