

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1665
(To be answered on the 5th December 2024)**

FLIGHTS FROM PAKYONG AIRPORT

1665. DR. INDRA HANG SUBBA

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether it is true that the Government offered SpiceJet airline to operate flights from Pakyong airport in Sikkim under the UDAN scheme and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the reasons for the discontinuation of operation of flights by SpiceJet from the said airport;
- (c) whether any airlines have been offered to operate flights from Pakyong airport under the said scheme; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री

(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a) to (d): During 2nd round of bidding under Regional Connectivity Scheme - Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik (RCS-UDAN), Pakyong airport, owned by AAI, was identified for development and operation of RCS flights. RCS routes connecting Pakyong with Kolkata, Guwahati and Delhi were awarded to SpiceJet, which commenced its operations on these routes on 04.10.2018, 28.10.2018 and 23.01.2021 respectively. SpiceJet has operated the routes from Pakyong to Delhi and Kolkata till 08.06.2024 and 09.06.2024 respectively and thereafter stopped flight operations due to adverse weather conditions in Pakyong. RCS route connecting Pakyong to Guwahati has been re-considered for bidding under UDAN Round 5.3.
