

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 4007
(To be answered on the 19th December 2024)**

FLIGHTS FROM UTTAR PRADESH

4007. SHRI TANUJ PUNIA

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the State Government of Uttar Pradesh has suggested to introduce flights to promote tourism in the State;
- (b) if so, the details of the options suggested by the State Government in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government has agreed to the suggestion of the State Government of Uttar Pradesh; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and 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) The State Government of Uttar Pradesh has suggested to introduce additional flights from Prayagraj, Varanasi, Ayodhya and Lucknow airports in the state in view of the upcoming Maha Kumbh Mela - 2025. The proposal of the State Government has been forwarded to all scheduled domestic airlines to explore the possibilities of commencement of additional flights as after the repeal of Air Corporations Act in March, 1994, the Indian domestic aviation has been deregulated. It is, therefore, up to the airlines to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability subject to compliance with the extant guidelines in this regard.

Under the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik), 23 tourism routes in Uttar Pradesh have been awarded to the Selected Airlines Operator (SAO) in various rounds of bidding under UDAN 3.0, 4.1 and 4.3 for which the entire Viability Gap Funding (VGF) is to be borne by the Ministry of Tourism. 11 routes have been operationalised.
