

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 3313  
(To be answered on the 20<sup>th</sup> March 2025)**

**CANCELLATIONS OF FLIGHTS**

**3313. SHRI K RADHAKRISHNAN**

**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION**

**नागर विमानन मंत्री**

**be pleased to state:-**

- (a) the number of flight cancellations and the total scheduled flights under the RCS-UDAN scheme during the last three years, year and State-wise;**  
**(b) the reasons for flight cancellations since 2022, along with the percentage of flights cancelled due to each reason, including operational issues, year and State-wise; and**  
**(c) the different types of aircraft affected by cancellations and the percentage of cancellations for each aircraft type, including small carriers?**

**ANSWER**

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

**नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री**

**(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)**

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**(a) to (c): As on date, under the Regional Connectivity Scheme - Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik (RCS-UDAN), 625 routes have been operationalised. 84 RCS routes have discontinued before completion of 3 years tenure during the last three years (January, 2022 to December, 2024). Eligible routes which were discontinued in the past rounds due to various reasons have been re-bid, awarded and operationalized in the subsequent rounds. Several factors may account for the unoperated flights/discontinuation of routes. Key reasons for the route cancellations include disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the grounding of numerous aircraft due to global engine issues, which significantly reduced the available fleet for all airline operators in the country, the shutdown of certain airlines and low passenger demand on specific routes. Additionally, issues such as slot unavailability, low passenger demand, limited aircraft availability and various internal challenges prevented the airlines from scheduling the awarded weekly frequencies. Poor weather conditions and various operational constraints also contributed to the cancellation of flights. Such reasons would impact any type of aircraft operations on any route. Under the RCS-UDAN, a variety of aircraft such as Tecnam P2010, Twin Otter DHC 400, Q400, Embraer 175 & 145, ATR-42,**

**ATR-72, A320 & Cessna grand etc. are operating by various airlines. Aircraft wise data of cancellation is not being maintained.**

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