

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 3344
(To be answered on the 20th March 2025)**

OPERATION OF FOREIGN AIRLINES ON DOMESTIC ROUTES

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

(a) whether it is true that the Government is contemplating to allow foreign airlines to operate on domestic routes in the country

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of foreign airlines that have submitted proposals in this regard so far;

(d) the estimated benefits likely to be earned by the Government along with the potential losses likely to be incurred to domestic airlines as a result thereof; and

(e) whether the Government proposes to formulate a scheme to operate aviation services on domestic routes in a cost-effective and adequate manner in the country and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a) : No

(b) to (d) : Does not arise

(e) : The Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik (UDAN) Scheme envisaged in National Civil Aviation Policy (NCAP) 2016 provides connectivity to un-served and underserved airports of the country through revival of existing air strips and airports. In pursuance of the policy, the Government has been taking concrete steps to take flying to the masses by making it affordable & convenient. Under

the Scheme, 625 RCS routes connecting 88 unserved and underserved airports, including 13 heliports and 2 water aerodromes have been operationalized so far. More than 149 lakhs domestic passengers have travelled through 2.97 Lakh RCS UDAN flights.
