

and thereafter suspension of 5 licenses was revoked based on the investigations of ACB, Rajasthan.

3. In recent two cases, the following action has been taken:

- (i) Ajay B. Khadtale- ATPL was cancelled *vide* order dated 01.01.2016.
- (ii) Parul Sachdev- CPL cancelled *vide* order dated 25.02.2016.

UDAN Scheme

1461. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the UDAN Scheme launched by Government;
- (b) by when this scheme will come into force; and
- (c) whether adequate infrastructural preparedness has been ensured before the launch of the said scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAYANT SINHA): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Civil Aviation launched Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS)-UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) scheme on 21-10-2016 for providing connectivity to un-served and under-served airports of the country. The primary objective of RCS is to facilitate/ stimulate regional air connectivity by making it affordable. Promoting affordability of Regional air connectivity is envisioned under RCS by supporting airline operators through (i) concessions by Central Government, State Governments and airport operators to reduce the cost of airline operations on regional routes and (ii) financial support (viability gap funding or VGF) to meet the gap, if any, between the cost of airline operations and expected revenues on such routes.

RCS-UDAN is a demand-driven scheme, where airline operators undertake assessment of demand on particular routes. Selection of airlines will be done through transparent bidding process which is to completed in January.

(c) Adequate airport infrastructure exists at the following underserved airports of Airports Authority of India: Car Nicobar (Andaman Nicobar), Kadapa (Andhra Pradesh), Jorhat (Assam), North Lakhimpur (Lilabari) (Assam), Tezpur (Assam), Jamnagar (Gujarat), Bhavnagar (Gujarat), Kullu (Bhuntar) (Himachal Pradesh), Thoise (Jammu and Kashmir), Agatti (Lakshadweep Island), Shillong (Barapani) (Meghalaya), Diu (Daman and Diu U.T.), Puducherry (Puducherry U.T.), Agra (Uttar Pradesh), Allahabad (Uttar Pradesh), Gwalior (Madhya Pradesh), Pant Nagar (Uttarakhand), Andal (Durgapur) (West Bengal). Other airports will be brought to operational readiness on a demand driven basis.