

**Statement***List of routes connecting Rajasthan awarded under UDAN 1&2*

Sl.No.	Departure Airport	Arrival Airport	Selected Airline Operator
1.	Bikaner (NAL)	Delhi	Alliance Air
2.	Jaipur	Agra	Alliance Air
3.	Jaipur	Jaisalmer	Spice Jet
4.	Jaisalmer	Jaipur	Spice Jet
5.	Bikaner	Jaipur	Alliance Air
6.	Jaipur	Bikaner	Alliance Air
7.	Jaisalmer	Ahmedabad	Spice Jet, Trujet
8.	Jaisalmer	Surat	Spice Jet
9.	Jaisalmer	Udaipur	Indigo
10.	Kishangarh	Delhi	Spice Jet
11.	Udaipur	Jaisalmer	Indigo
12.	Uterlai	Delhi	Zoom Air

**Growth in Indian aviation market**

†2261. SHRIMATI KANTA KARDAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is the most rapidly growing aviation market in the world and whether there has been considerable increase in air traffic and domestic air passengers during last three years and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the domestic and international sectors identified for promotion of aviation services during next three years;

(c) whether Government proposes to increase the ambit of UDAN scheme in Uttar Pradesh particularly from Meerut to other small aircrafts in order to increase air connectivity with the other parts of the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAYANT SINHA): (a) According to International Air Transport Association (IATA) report, for 2017, Indian domestic passenger market, in terms of Revenue Passenger Kilometers (RPK), has posted the fastest full year growth for the third year in a row, followed by China. The growth rate witnessed in domestic air traffic during the last three years is given in the Statement (*See below*).

(b) With repeal of the Air Corporation Act in March, 1994, the Indian domestic aviation was deregulated. Airlines are free to induct capacity with any aircraft type, free to select whatever markets and network they wish to service and operate. In this regard, Government has laid down Route Dispersal Guidelines with a view to achieve air transport services taking into account the need for air transport service of different regions of the country. It is, however, up to the airlines to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability. As such, the airlines are free to operate anywhere in the country subject to compliance of Route Dispersal Guidelines issued by Government.

Indian carriers also can operate from any points in India to any foreign destinations in other countries as per agreed bilateral traffic rights. However, Commencing of operation on any specific route depends on the commercial judgement, route viability, availability of aircrafts and other resources of airlines.

(c) to (e) The Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) is demand driven and development of regional air connectivity routes depend on the market forces such that airlines undertake assessment of demand and nature of supply required on a particular routes and participate in the bidding to be held from time to time. Currently, Meerut is not included under RCS-UDAN scheme as the airport is within 150 kms. of Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport and is governed by Operations, Management and Development Agreement (OMDA) provisions.

#### *Statement*

##### *Domestic Air Passenger Traffic Growth During 2014-15 to 2017-18*

Year	Domestic Passenger (in Million)	Growth rate (%)
2014-15	139.33	
2015-16	169.29	21.5
2016-17	205.68	21.5
2017-18	243.28	18.3
Compounded Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) During 2014-15 to 2017-18		20.4