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19.	Salem	430	24429	18	998
20.	Shimla	350	5357	526	9984
21.	Vijayanagar (Vidya Nagar) 850		44592	426	18171

* Aircraft Movements consisting of one landing and one take-off.

Passengers are consisting of embarking and disembarking.

Finalisation of Regional Connectivity Scheme

172. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has finalised Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof particularly with regard to Assam and other North Eastern States and financial allocation made for the scheme;

(c) whether some helicopter operators have been associated for proper implementation of the scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAYANT SINHA): (a) to (d) 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. RCS-UDAN is a demand-driven scheme, where airline operators undertake assessment of demand on particular routes.

The Ministry of Civil Aviation has recently launched UDAN-International, after extensive consultation with the stakeholders for the Government of Assam. However, this template would be applicable for other States too and whenever Ministry of Civil Aviation receives the proposals, subsequent biddings may be conducted or the state governments can go ahead on its own, with this template. The Government of Assam has agreed to provide Viability Gap Funding (VGF) to the Selected Airline Operators (SAO) under UDAN International. Only eligible Scheduled Operators of fixed wing aircrafts were eligible to submit their proposals under UDAN International.