

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI): (a) Upgradation/Modernisation of airports is a continuous process and is undertaken by Airports Authority of India (AAI) and concerned private operators from time to time depending on the availability of land, commercial viability, socio-economic considerations, traffic demand/willingness of airlines to operate to/from such airports. AAI has embarked upon a Capital Expenditure (CAPEX) plan of ₹ 25,000 crores in next 4-5 years for development/modernization/upgradation of terminal buildings of AAI airports in the country including Shimla in Himachal Pradesh, Calicut in Kerala, Port Blair in Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Agartala in Tripura, Guwahati in Assam, Trichy and Chennai in Tamil Nadu, Prayagraj and Lucknow in Uttar Pradesh, Dehradun in Uttarakhand, Leh in Jammu and Kashmir, Kolhapur and Pune in Maharashtra, Patna in Bihar, Jabalpur in Madhya Pradesh and Vijayawada in Andhra Pradesh.

(b) to (d) Government of India, Ministry of Civil Aviation has launched Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) –UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik) in October, 2016 with the objective to facilitate/stimulate regional air connectivity to currently underserved and unserved airports. Kullu, Kasauli, Manali, Mandi, Nathpa Jhakri, Rampur, Shimla, Armadale airports in the State of Himachal Pradesh have been included under the RCS Scheme. The revival of airports is “demand driven” , depending upon firm commitment from airline operators as well as from the State Government for providing various concessions.

#### **Implementation of UDAN Scheme**

1258. SHRI G.V.L. NARASIMHA RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) what was the number of operational airports in the country in 2016 and what is it now after the implementation of the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) –UDAN;
- (b) what was the target of the UDAN Scheme in making regional airports operational and what has been achieved so far;
- (c) what was the number of regional routes proposed for coverage under the UDAN Scheme and how many of such routes are operational now;
- (d) whether many regional airlines have discontinued operations under the UDAN Scheme, reasons therefor; and
- (e) what action Government is contemplating for resumption of services on discontinued routes under UDAN Scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI): (a) to (c) (The number of Airports with scheduled flights in the country in 2016 were 77. Till date, 39 airports (23 unserved + 16 underserved) have been connected under Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) –UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik). Out of the 705 routes awarded under RCS –UDAN version 1.0, 2.0 and 3.0, 174 routes are operational, till date.

(d) and (e) RCS-UDAN is regularly monitored for successful implementation. In case of willful default by a Selected Airline Operator (SAO), cancellation of routes are done by forfeiting the Performance Guarantee/Proposal Security and the routes are rebid. Airline-wise/Round-wise details of commencement/cancellation of routes awarded under RCS-UDAN are given in the Statement.

***Statement***

*Details of commencement/cancellation of routes awarded under RCS-UDAN*

Sl. No.	Name of Selected Airline Operator	Networks Awarded – Round-wise			
		UDAN 1.0	UDAN 2.0	UDAN 3.0	Networks commencement status
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	AAA Aviation Ltd.	–	1	–	Network cancelled
2.	Airline Allied Services Ltd.	8	5	14	Sixteen (16) networks commenced.
3.	Airodishia Aviation Pvt. Ltd.	5	–	–	One (1) network shall be commenced after readiness Burnpur airport and four 4 networks cancelled due to poor performance by SAO.
4.	Andaman Airways Pvt. Ltd.	–	–	1	Operation is likely to be started on 1st October, 2019 subject to readiness of RCS airports in the network.
5.	Aviation Connectivity and Infrastructure Developers Pvt. Ltd.	–	–	2	SAO has informed that their application to obtain SCO from DGCA is in process.

1	2	3	4	5	6
6.	Deccan Charters Pvt. Ltd.	4	—	—	One (1) network recommenced by SAO and three (3) networks cancelled due to poor performance by SAO.
7.	Ghodawat Enterprises Pvt. Ltd.	—	1	10	Two (2) networks commenced. Rest of networks likely to commence by 31st July, 2019 subject to readiness of RCS airports
8.	Heligo Charters Pvt. Ltd.	—	1 H	—	Network withdrawn by SAO
9.	Heritage Aviation Pvt. Ltd.	—	10 (4 FW 6 H)	7	One (1) network commenced. Rest of networks likely to commence by 31st July, 2019 subject to readiness of RCS airports/heliports.
10.	Interglobe Aviation Ltd.	—	20	12	Nine (9) networks commenced.
11.	Jet Airways (India) Ltd.	—	4	5	Three (3) networks commenced.
12.	Maritime Energy Heli Services Pvt. Ltd.	—	1	—	NOC awaited from MoCA.
13.	Pawan Hans Helicopter Ltd.	—	11 H	—	Likely to commence after readiness of Heliports by March, 2020.
14.	Pinnacle Air Pvt. Ltd.	—	1	—	Network cancelled
15.	Skyone Airways Pvt. Ltd.	—	5 H	—	Likely to commence after readiness of Heliports by March, 2020.
16.	Spicejet Ltd.	6	17	27	Twenty five (25) networks commenced. Rest of networks likely to commence by 31st July, 2019 subject to readiness of RCS airports

1	2	3	4	5	6
17.	Turbo Aviation Pvt. Ltd.	—	3	7	Notice issued to SAO to submit timelines
18.	Turbo Megha Airways Pvt. Ltd.	4	4	2	Six (6) networks commenced. Rest of networks likely to commence by 31st July, 2019 subject to readiness of RCS airports
19.	Zexus Air Service Pvt. Ltd.	—	6	8	Notice issued to SAO to submit timelines

**Proposal to decommission airports in the country**

1259. SHRI SYED NASIR HUSSAIN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to decommission airports in the country;
- (b) the details and number of airports decommissioned in the country so far; and
- (c) what is the current percentage of market share of each airline company operating in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No airport belonging to the Airports Authority of India has been decommissioned so far.

(c) The market share of scheduled domestic airlines during the period January to May 2019 is as under:—

Sl.No.	Airline	Percentage Share
1	2	3
1.	Indigo Airlines	46.3
2.	Jet Airways	5.5 *
3.	Air India	13.1