

(d) As per the timeline fixed by NIAL, the projected year of operationalisation of the airport is 2023-2024.

Implementation of Udan Scheme in West Bengal

1897. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the flights operational under UDAN (Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik) scheme in West Bengal, the details thereof;

(b) whether all the flights proposed under the UDAN scheme in West Bengal are operational, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI): (a) Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS)-UDAN routes between Kolkata and Prayagraj, Kolkata and Shillong, Kolkata and Jorhat, Kolkata and Jharsuguda are functional under RCS.

Kolkata-Pakyong route is temporarily suspended due to weather conditions.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. An awarded RCS network of Kolkata-Cooch Behar-Kolkata Jamshedpur-Kolkata-Rourkela-Kolkata-Durgapur-Bagdogra-Durgapur-Kolkata Burnpur-Kolkata is not operationalized due to the non-readiness of Burnpur Airport. Burnpur Airport is not licensed by DGCA due to non-removal of trees in flying path.

Disproportionate Employee to Aircraft Ratio in Air India

1898. SHRI AHAMED HASSAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that employee to aircraft ratio is disproportionate in the case of Air India in comparison to other airlines of this country;

(b) if so, the details of number of aircrafts and total number of employees in national carrier;

(c) what are the per day net losses Air India is making;

(d) whether Government has any plans to rationalise the routes and financial condition of Air India; and

(e) if so, the details there of and if not, the reasons therefor?