

Air India also plans to commence operations from Mumbai to Hong Kong w.e.f. 19th September, 2019 against the unutilized traffic rights of Jet Airways on a temporary basis till the end of Summer, 2019 schedule period.

(b) The unutilized traffic rights of the grounded Indian private carrier (Jet Airways) have been temporarily allocated to Air India for operations to/from Dubai, Doha and London till the end of Summer, 2019 schedule period.

(c) and (d) Air India operates Dreamliner aircraft on Mumbai to Dubai as well as on Cochin to Dubai sector.

Increasing flights in North-Eastern Region

3516. SHRI RONALD SAPA TLAU : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan by Government to increase flights in the North-Eastern Region under new UDAN scheme to ease the pathetic air connectivity, State-wise;

(b) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government has made any serious efforts in opening up the North-Eastern skies for the private companies to operate so as to have equal opportunities with Government owned Air India; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI) : (a) to (d) 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. Government has however, laid down Route Dispersal Guidelines(RDGs) with a view to achieve better air transport services to different regions of the country. It is, therefore, up to the airlines to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability, subject to compliance of Route Dispersal Guidelines. Accordingly, all scheduled operators are required to deploy in the North Eastern Region, Jammu and Kashmir, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, and Lakshadweep (Category-II routes) at least 10% of their deployed capacity on trunk routes (Category-I routes). Further, the operator will deploy atleast 1% in Category-IIA Routes (within the North-Eastern Region, Jammu and Kashmir,

Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Andaman and Nicobar, Lakshadweep and Cochin-Agatti-Cochin) of the capacity deployed on Category-I routes.

Ministry of Civil Aviation has also launched Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) scheme on 21-10-2016 to facilitate/stimulate regional air connectivity by making air travel affordable to the masses. North Eastern Region has been included in the Priority Area(s) of the Scheme. Helicopter services have also been included in the scheme document for better connectivity of Priority Area(s). For Priority RCS Routes, the number of RCS Flights to be operated in a week with VGF shall be a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of fourteen (14) departures per week from the same RCS Airport such that the RCS Flights are operated on at least three (3) days of the week. Details of RCS - UDAN routes awarded for North Eastern States are given in Statement (*See below*).

However, RCS - UDAN is demand driven scheme and development of regional air connectivity routes depends on the market forces wherein airlines undertake assessment of demand and supply required on a particular route and participate in the bidding held from time to time.

Statement

Routes awarded under Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) connecting North East States

State	RCS route	Operator
Arunachal Pradesh	Debarizo to Yinghiong	Skyone Airways
	Itanagar (H) to Lilabari	Skyone Airways
	Itanagar (H) to Tezpur	Skyone Airways
	Passighat to Jorhat	Zoom Airways
	Passighat to Tuting	Skyone Air
	Tezu to Guwahati	Trujet
	Tezu to Jorhat	Zoom Air
	Tezu to Walong	Skyone Airways
	Tuting to Dibrugarh	Skyone Airways
	Walong to Dibrugarh	Skyone Airways
	Yinghiong to Dibrugarh	Skyone Airways

State	RCS route	Operator
Assam	Dibrugarh to Daparizao	Skyone Airways
	Dibrugarh to Dimapur	IndiGo
	Dibrugarh to Imphal	IndiGo
	Dibrugarh to Jorhat	Pawan Hans
	Dibrugarh to Lilabari	Skyone Airways
	Dibrugarh to Tezu	Skyone Airways
	Guwahati River Front to Jorhat	Spicejet
	Guwahati River Front to Shillong	Spicejet
	Guwahati River Front to Umrangso Reservoir	Spicejet
	Guwahati to Burnpur	Trujet
	Guwahati to Cooch Behar	Trujet
	Guwahati to Dimapur	Alliance Air
	Guwahati to Lilabari	IndiGo
	Guwahati to Lilabari	Spice Jet
	Guwahati to Nagaon (H)	Skyone Airways
	Guwahati to Pakyong	Spicejet
	Guwahati to Rupsi	Trujet
	Guwahati to Tezu	Trujet
	Jorhat to Dibrugarh	Pawan Hans
	Jorhat to Guwahati River Front	Spicejet
	Jorhat to Kolkata	IndiGo
	Jorhat to Kolkata	Zoom Air
	Jorhat to Passighat	Zoom Air
	Jorhat to Tezpur	Pawan Hans

State	RCS route	Operator
Manipur	Jorhat to Tezu	Zoom Air
	Lilabari to Dibrugarh	Skyone Airways
	Lilabari to Guwahati	IndiGo
	Lilabari to Guwahati	Spicejet
	Lilabari to Itanagar (H)	Skyone Airways
	Lilabari to Kolkata	Spicejet
	Nagaon (H) to Guwahati	Skyone Airways
	Nagaon (H) to Tezpur	Skyone Airways
	Rupsi to Guwahati	Truejet
	Tezpur to Itanagar (H)	Skyone Airways
	Tezpur to Jorhat	Pawan Hans
	Tezpur to Kolkata	Zoom Air
	Tezpur to Nagaon (H)	Skyone Airways
	Umrangso Reservoir to Guwahati River Front	Spice Jet
	Imphal to Dibrugarh	IndiGo
	Imphal to Dimapur	Alliance Air
	Imphal to Moreh (H)	Pawan Hans
	Imphal to Tamenglong (H)	Pawan Hans
	Imphal to Thanlon (H)	Pawan Hans
	Jiribam (H) to Tamenglong (H)	Pawan Hans
	Moreh (H) to Imphal	Pawan Hans
	Prubung (H) to Thanlon (H)	Pawan Hans
	Tamenglong (H) To Imphal	Pawan Hans
	Tamenglong (H) to Jiribam (H)	Pawan Hans

State	RCS route	Operator
	Thanlon (H) to Parbung (H)	Pawan Hans
Meghalaya	Shillong to Guwahati River Front (W)	SpiceJet
	Shillong to Kolkata	IndiGo
Mizoram	Aizwal to Agartala	IndiGo
Nagaland	Dimapur to Dibrugarh	IndiGo
	Dimapur to Guwahati	Alliance Air
	Dimapur to Imphal	Alliance Air
Sikkim	Pakyong to Delhi	SpiceJet
	Pakyong to Guwahati	SpiceJet
	Pakyong to Kolkata	SpiceJet
Tripura	Agartala to Aizwl	IndiGo

Manufacturing of passenger and cargo aircrafts in the country

3517. SHRI A. VIJAYA KUMAR : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to manufacture passenger and cargo aircrafts in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of aircrafts purchased/leased presently in the country by Government and private airlines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI) : (a) and (b) Yes Sir. In the meeting of Committee of Secretaries (CoS) held on 18 May 2018, it was decided to develop an Indian Regional Transport Aircraft (RTA) by forming a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV), with participation of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), National Aerospace Laboratories (NAL) and Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA). In pursuance of the recommendations of the CoS, a Committee was constituted on 30 August 2018 with stakeholders from HAL, NAL and