

**WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS****Airports under UDAN scheme**

2561. DR. ABHISHEK MANU SINGHVI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the list of all the airports sanctioned under UDAN scheme;
- (b) the list of all the airports that are completed but are yet to operationalise;
- (c) the reasons why a dozens of airports launched under UDAN yet unserved;
- (d) whether the airports of Cooch Behar in West Bengal, Tezu in Arunachal Pradesh, Sholapur in Maharashtra and Jharsuguda in Odisha are all idle despite getting the DGCA licence; and
- (e) by when, these airports will start operating?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI): (a) to (c) Under Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS)-UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik), Airports Authority of India (AAI), Implementing Agency has awarded 688 RCS routes involving 106 airports (unserved and underserved) including 10 water aerodromes till 3rd round of bidding. Details of these RCS airports are given in the Statement (*See* below). Out of these 688 RCS routes, 232 routes have already been commenced by the Selected Airline Operators (SAOs). List of RCS airports which have been operationalised under UDAN is given in the Statement-II (*See* below). There is a delay in operationalising some routes/discontinuation of the routes, for reasons) which include:—

- (i) Non-readiness of civil airports/heliports, which may be related to availability of land, creating regional infrastructure, complying to the regulations by the airport operators.
  - (ii) Delay in obtaining Scheduled Commuter Operators Permit by new entrant Airlines.
  - (iii) Unsustainability of the operation on the awarded routes.
- (d) and (e) Cooch Behar, Tezu and Jharsuguda are operational airports of AAI.

Solapur airport is yet to get aerodrome license from Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), due to obstruction which needs to be removed by the State Government. RCS flights could not be commenced from Sholapur due to obstacles *i.e.* Chimneys in the Flying Path. RCS flights connecting Jharsuguda to Delhi, Kolkata, Hyderabad, Raipur and Bhubaneshwar have commenced. RCS routes from Cooch Behar and Tezu have been cancelled due to non-compliance of Selected Airline Operator (SAO) Agreement by the SAO. However, if any valid bid is received in future round of RCS-UDAN, same shall be considered as per scheme document. Further, as per the provisions of the RCS-UDAN, the SAOs are obligated to commence RCS flight operations on an RCS-route, as part of individual route-proposal or a network proposal within a period of six months from the issuance of Letter of Award or within two months from the readiness of airport, whichever is later, unless any extension is granted by the Implementing Agency.

*Statement-I*

*List of 106 RCS airports including 10 waterdromes identified under UDAN*

Sl. No.	State	Airport
1	2	3
1.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	Campbell Bay Car Nicobar Shibpur Havelock (Water Aerodrome) Long Island (Water Aerodrome) Neil Port (Water Aerodrome)
2.	Andhra Pradesh	Kadapa Kurnool Parkasam Barrage (Water Aerodrome)
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	Passighat Tezu
4.	Assam	Rupsi

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1	2	3
		Jorhat
		Lilabari
		Tezpur
		Guwahati River Front (Water Aerodrome)
		Umrangso Reservoir (Water Aerodrome)
5.	Bihar	Darbhanga
6.	Chhattisgarh	Bilaspur
		Raigarh (Jindal)
		Ambikapur
		Jagdapur
7.	Daman and Diu	Diu
		Daman
8.	Gujarat	Bhavnagar
		Jamnagar
		Kandla
		Porbandar
		Mithapur (Dwarka)
		Mundra
		Keshod
		Sabarmati River Front (Water Aerodrome)
		Shatrunjay Dam (Water Aerodrome)
		Statue of Unity (Water Aerodrome)
9.	Haryana	Hissar

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1	2	3
		Ambala
10.	Himachal Pradesh	Shimla Kullu
11.	Jammu and Kashmir	Kargil Thoise
12.	Jharkhand	Jamshedpur Bokaro Dumka Hazaribagh
13.	Karnataka	Mysore Vidyanagar Baldota/Koppal Hubli Kalaburgi Belgaum
14.	Kerala	Kannur
15.	Madhya Pradesh	Gwalior
16.	Maharashtra	Jalgaon Kolhapur Sholapur Ozar (Nasik) Nanded Amravati Sindhudurg Ratnagiri
17.	Meghalaya	Shillong (Barapani)
18.	Nagaland	Dimapur

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1	2	3
19.	Odisha	Jharsuguda Rourkela Utkela Jeypore
20.	Puducherry (U.T.)	Pondicherry
21.	Punjab	Ludhiana Adampur Bhatinda Pathankot
22.	Rajasthan	Bikaner (Nal) Jaisalmer Kishangarh Uterlai Kota
23.	Sikkim	Pakyong Salem Neyveli
24.	Tamil Nadu	Tanjore Vellore Ramnad
25.	Telangana	Nagarjuna Sagar (Water Aerodrome)
26.	Uttar Pradesh	Agra Kanpur (Chakeri) Aligarh Azamgarh Bareilly

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1	2	3
		Chitrakoot
		Jhansi
		Moradabad
		Muirpur(Korba)
		Shravasti
		Allahabad
		Faizabad
		Ghazipur
		Kushinagar
		Saharanpur(Sarsawa)
		Meerut
27.	Uttarakhand	Pantnagar
		Pithoragarh
		Cooch Behar
		Burnpur
28.	West Bengal	Durgapur(Andal)
		Hashimara
		Kalaikunda

**Statement-II**

*List of unserved/underserved RCS Airports operationalised till  
02.12.2019 under RCS-UDAN*

Sl. No.	State/UT	Airport
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Kadapa (Underserved)
2.	Assam	Jorhat (Underserved)
		Lilabari (Underserved)
		Tezpur (Underserved)
3.	Chhattisgarh	Jagdalpur
4.	Daman and Diu	Diu (Underserved)

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1	2	3
5.	Gujarat	Bhavnagar (Underserved) Jamnagar (Underserved) Kandla Mundra Porbandar (Underserved)
6.	Himachal Pradesh	Shimla Kullu
7.	Karnataka	Belgaum (Underserved) Hubli (Underserved) Mysore Vidyanagar Kalaburagi (Gulbarga)
8.	Kerala	Kannur
9.	Madhya Pradesh	Gwalior (Underserved)
10.	Maharashtra	Jalgaon Kolhapur Nanded Ozar (Nasik)
11.	Meghalaya	Shillong (Underserved)
12.	Odisha	Jharsuguda
13.	Puducherry	Puducherry (Underserved)
14.	Punjab	Adampur Bhatinda Ludhiana Pathankot
15.	Rajasthan	Bikaner Jaisalmer Kishangarh
16.	Sikkim	Pakyong

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1	2	3
17.	Tamil Nadu	Salem
18.	Uttar Pradesh	Agra (Underserved) Allahabad (Underserved) Kanpur (Chakeri) Hindon
19.	Uttarakhand	Pantnagar (Underserved) Pithoragarh
20.	West Bengal	Durgapur (Underserved)

#### Subsidy under UDAN scheme

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state the number of routes which are being given subsidy or are subsidised under UDAN scheme and the number of airports which have been waived off from airport charges under UDAN scheme, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI): Government has launched Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) on 21.10.2016 to stimulate regional air connectivity by making it affordable. Promoting affordability of regional air connectivity is envisioned under RCS by supporting Selected Airline Operators (SAOs) through concession by Central Government, State Governments/UTs and airport operators to reduce the cost of airline operations on regional routes and financial support (Viability Gap Funding or VGF) to meet the gap, if any, between the cost of airline operations and expected revenues on such RCS routes. Central Government and State Governments share Viability Gap Funding (VGF) in the ratio of 80:20 whereas for the States in North-Eastern region/Union Territories (UTs) the ratio is 90:10.

Various concessions provided by the airport operators concerned under RCS *inter-alia* are as follows:—

- (i) Airport operators do not levy landing charges and parking charges.