

(b) the new routes added in UDAN-3 in order to provide air connectivity to tourist spots within States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI): (a) and (b) Alliance Air and IndiGo are two Selected Airline Operators (SAOs) who have participated and received the awards under Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) version 3.0. Cochin-Mysore-Cochin routes have been awarded to SAO under RCS - UDAN version 3.0. Calicut-Delhi-Calicut routes have been awarded to SAO under Tourism Regional Connectivity Scheme (TRCS). Further, under 3rd round of RCS - UDAN, 46 Tourism routes across the country have also been awarded on request of the Ministry of Tourism.

Employees' related issues in disinvestment of Air India

985. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is working on the final contours for the proposed disinvestment of loss-making Air India;

(b) if so, whether Government has made any clarity on various issues including payment of salary, arrears and pensions to its serving employees;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI): (a) to (d) Air India Specific Alternative Mechanism (AISAM) has now, *inter alia*, approved the re-initiation of process of strategic disinvestment of Air India & its Subsidiaries with 100 per cent sale of Government of India stake in Air India along with Air India Express and Air India's stake in AISATS.

AISAM, while finalising the Preliminary Information Memorandum (PIM) for inviting Expression of Interest (EoI) for the strategic disinvestment of Air India, would consider issues related to serving employees of Air India.

Pending requests for new Greenfield airports

†986. SHRIMATI KANTA KARDAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.