

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION**  
**Rajya Sabha**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1769**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 10th March 2021**  
**CONSTRUCTION OF SMALL AIRPORTS UNDER UDAN**  
**SCHEME**

**1769. LT. GEN (DR.) D.P. VATS (RETD.)**  
**SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV**  
**SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR**

**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:-**

- (a) whether Government has taken action for execution of small airport at cities and flights operations under UDAN scheme particularly in Uttar Pradesh in order to enhance the tourism in the State;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether Government has fixed any time frame for those proposals under consideration for constructions of small airports; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government thereon?**

**ANSWER**

**Minister of State (IC) in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION**  
**(Shri Hardeep Singh Puri)**

**(a) to (d): Ministry of Civil Aviation has launched Regional Connectivity Scheme(RCS) - UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) on 21-10-2016 to stimulate regional air connectivity from unserved and underserved airports in the country by making air travel affordable to the masses. Airports Authority of India(AAI), the Implementing Agency, has completed four rounds of bidding under UDAN and identified 778 valid UDAN routes so far involving 110 UDAN airports**

**including 12 water aerodromes & 33 Helipads for operation of UDAN flights. 323 UDAN routes have already commenced connecting 48 airports, 2 water aerodromes & 5 heliports.**

**The Implementing Agency, AAI, has identified 17 RCS airports in Uttar Pradesh under UDAN so far for operation of the RCS flights. An airport which is included in the awarded routes of RCS - UDAN and requires upgradation/development for commencement of RCS operations is developed under "Revival of unserved and underserved airports" scheme. The Selected Airline Operators (SAOs) are obligated to commence RCS flight operations on a RCS-route, as part of individual route-proposal or a network proposal within a period of 180 days 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. So far, out of the 17 identified airports, RCS flights have already commenced from four airports, namely, Agra, Kanpur, Prayagraj and Hindon. In addition, Bareilly airport is likely to operationalize on 08.03.2021. Details of these 17 airports are attached as Annexure.**

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## Annexure

Statement referred to in reply of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1769 for answer on 10.03.2021

### List of the Airports identified under RCS-UDAN in Uttar Pradesh

- i. Agra
- ii. Aligarh
- iii. Azamgarh
- iv. Ayodhya
- v. Bareilly
- vi. Chitrakoot
- vii. Ghazipur
- viii. Kanpur
- ix. Kushinagar
- x. Jhansi
- xi. Moradabad
- xii. Prayagraj
- xiii. Meerut
- xiv. Muirpur
- xv. Shravasti
- xvi. Saharanpur
- xvii. Hindan.