

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION**  
**Rajya Sabha**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 3204**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 24th March 2021**

**AIR SERVICES TO SHIMLA UNDER UDAN SCHEME**

**3204. MS. INDU BALA GOSWAMI**

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

- (a) whether there is a plan to start flight service on Delhi-Shimla sector under UDAN scheme;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether consent has been received from related departments to start flight service on Delhi-Shimla sector; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) to (d): Alliance Air, the Selected Airline Operator (SAO), had commenced flight under RCS(Regional Connectivity Scheme)-UDAN(Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) on Delhi-Shimla-Delhi route on 27.04.2017. Due to payload penalty, weather and other operational issues, the flight was discontinued. Alliance Air is ready to commence operation once the runway expansion work gets completed to make Shimla airport suitable for ATR 72 operations.**

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