

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
Rajya Sabha**

STARRED QUESTION NO. : 248

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 11th August 2021

**CONNECTIVITY OF AIRPORTS IN NORTH-EASTERN STATES WITH
AIRPORTS OF MAJOR CITIES**

248. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI

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

- (a) Whether Government has any plan to directly connect the existing airports in North-Eastern States with airports of major cities of the country with landing and take-off facilities during nights also;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether Government has accorded high priority in implementation of UDAN Scheme in North-Eastern States keeping in view the development and also to increase tourism in the region; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

Minister of CIVIL AVIATION (Shri Jyotiraditya Scindia)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 248 REGARDING "CONNECTIVITY OF AIRPORTS IN NORTH-EASTERN STATES WITH AIRPORTS OF MAJOR CITIES" TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.08.2021:-

(a) to (d): Ministry of Civil Aviation has accorded high priority to connectivity in North Eastern Regions (NERs). Details of operational airports in NER, connectivity and night landing facilities are provided at Annexure. After repeal of the Air Corporation Act in March 1994, the Indian domestic aviation market was deregulated. Consequently, airlines are free to induct capacity with any aircraft type for selecting whatever markets and network they wish to service and operate across the country subject to compliance with the extant Route Dispersal Guidelines (RDGs) in this regard. As per RDGs, all Scheduled Airline Operators are required to deploy a particular percentage of their capacity in NER compared to their capacity deployed on metro routes.

Thus, it is up to the airlines to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and their commercial viability, in compliance with the extant guidelines. However, the Ministry regularly interacts with the stakeholders from time to time with an aim to improve air connectivity.

Further, Ministry of Civil Aviation has launched Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS)- UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) on 21-10-2016 to enhance regional air connectivity from unserved and underserved airports in the country by making air travel affordable to the masses. States of North Eastern Region (NER) have been included in the scheme document as Priority Area(s). So far, 108 UDAN routes including tourism routes have been awarded for operation of UDAN flights in the States of NER. Till date, 44 number of UDAN routes have been operationalized.

Annexure

Statement referred to in reply to Rajya Sabha Starred Question No.248 for 11.08.2021 regarding "CONNECTIVITY OF AIRPORTS IN NORTH-EASTERN STATES WITH AIRPORTS OF MAJOR CITIES"

S.No.	State	Name of the Airport	Connected to the destination	Approval for night operation
1	Arunachal Pradesh	Passighat	Guwahati, Tezpur	No
2	Arunachal Pradesh	Tezu	No Schedule flight operation	No
3	Assam	Guwahati	Agartala, Aizawl, Bangalore, Chennai, Delhi, Dibrugarh, Dimapur, Hyderabad, Imphal, Jaipur, Jorhat, Kolkata, Lucknow, Mumbai, Passighat, Patna, Rupsi, Silchar, Tezpur	Yes
4	Assam	Dibrugarh	Agartala, Bagdogra, Bangalore, Delhi, Guwahati, Imphal, Kolkata	Yes
5	Assam	Lilabari	Kolkata	Yes
6	Assam	Jorhat	Guwahati, Kolkata	Yes
7	Assam	Silchar	Bangalore, Chennai, Guwahati, Kolkata, Shillong	Yes
8	Assam	Tezpur	Passighat, Guwahati	Yes
9	Assam	Rupsi	Guwahati, Kolkata	No
10	Manipur	Imphal	Aizawl, Delhi, Dibrugarh, Dimapur, Guwahati, Kolkata, Shillong	Yes
11	Meghalaya	Shillong (Barapani)	Agartala, Imphal, Kolkata, Silchar	Yes
12	Mizoram	Aizawl (Lengpui)	Delhi, Guwahati, Imphal, Kolkata	No
13	Nagaland	Dimapur	Delhi, Guwahati, Imphal, Kolkata	Yes
14	Sikkim	Pakyong	Kolkata, Delhi	No
15	Tripura	Agartala	Bangalore, Delhi, Dibrugarh, Guwahati, Kolkata, Shillong	Yes