

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION**

Rajya Sabha

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 2582

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 11th August 2021

**STATUS OF FLIGHT OPERATIONS AT JEYPORE AND UTKELA
AIRPORT**

2582. SHRI SUJEET KUMAR

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

the timeline for starting commercial flight operations at Jeypore and Utkela airport under the UDAN scheme?

ANSWER

**Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION (GEN. (DR)
V. K. SINGH (RETD))**

Under Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik), routes from Jeypore and Utkela were awarded to Selected Airline Operators (SAO) for operation of UDAN flights. Subsequently, the awarded UDAN routes were cancelled due to non-compliance with provisions of the contractual agreement by the Selected Airline Operator(s). The cancelled/terminated bids were offered in special round of bidding under UDAN 4.1 conducted recently and bids received are under evaluation for award. Selected Airline Operators are required to commence operations within 6 months of issuance of their Letter of Award or within 2 months from the date the airport gets ready, unless any extension is granted by Airports Authority of India, the Implementing Agency.
