

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 970
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 28th July 2021)**

REGIONAL AIR ROUTES UNDER UDAN SCHEME IN UTTARAKHAND

970. SHRI NARESH BANSAL

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

- (a) whether it has been considered to start operation on regional air routes under UDAN scheme in Uttarakhand;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the measures adopted by Government for the progress of UDAN scheme?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD))

(a) to (c): Ministry of Civil Aviation launched Regional Connectivity Scheme - UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) on 21-10-2016 to enhance regional air connectivity and making air travel affordable to the masses. Uttarakhand has been included in the Scheme Document as Priority Area(s). UDAN is a market driven scheme. The interested airlines based on their assessment of demand on particular routes submit their proposals at the time of bidding under UDAN from time to time. Airports Authority of India (AAI), the implementing agency, has awarded UDAN routes connecting Pantnagar, Pithoragarh with fixed wing and Almora, Chinyalisaur, Gaucher, Haldwani, Haridwar, Joshimath, Mussoorie, Nainital, New Tehri, Ramnagar, Sahastradhara and Srinagar with helicopter operations. Helicopter operations have been commenced from Sahastradhara, Chinyalisaur, Gaucher, New Tehri and Srinagar. "Dehradun-Pantnagar-Dehradun" routes have also been commenced by Selected Airline Operator (SAO) with fixed wing operations.
