

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 11
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 29th November 2021**

STATUS OF CONNECTIVITY OF AIRPORTS UNDER UDAN

11. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry had awarded more than 800 domestic routes to various operators over four rounds since March 2017, providing connectivity to about 60 airports across the country under the UDAN scheme; and

(b) if so, what is the present status in this regard?

ANSWER

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

(a) and (b): Ministry of Civil Aviation launched Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) on 21.10.2016 to stimulate regional air connectivity and making air travel affordable to the masses. RCS - UDAN is a market driven Scheme. Interested airlines, based on their assessment of demand on particular routes, submit their proposals at the time of bidding under RCS - UDAN. Till date, four rounds of UDAN have been conducted and 948 routes have been awarded to over 100 airports. Out of these awarded routes, 393 UDAN routes have already commenced connecting 62 UDAN airports including 2 water aerodromes & 6 heliports. Continuous efforts are made with Stakeholders for operationalization of routes/Airports. RCS - UDAN is an ongoing scheme where bidding takes place periodically.
