

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 2744
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 28th March 2022)**

INCLUSION OF JORHAT AIRPORT UNDER UDAN

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN aims to make air travel affordable for the common citizen;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of new airports which have been included under this scheme after 2019;
- (d) whether the Jorhat Airport is also included under this scheme; and
- (e) if not, the steps being taken for its inclusion under this scheme?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

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(a) to (c): Ministry of Civil Aviation has launched Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN (Ude Deshka Aam Nagrik) on 21-10-2016 to stimulate regional air connectivity and making air travel affordable to the masses. UDAN is a market driven Scheme. Interested airlines based on their assessment of demand on particular routes submit proposals at the time of bidding under RCS. Airports Authority of India(AAI), the Implementing Agency has identified 154 RCS airports including 14 water aerodromes and 36 helipads so far under UDAN for operation of RCS flights. As on 22.03.2022, 66 airports including 8 heliports and 2 water aerodromes have been operationalized under UDAN.

(d) & (e): UDAN routes connecting Jorhat to Kolkata, Dibrugarh, Tezpur (Helicopter-H), Geleki (H) and Guwahati River Front (Water Aerodrome) have been awarded by AAI, Implementing Agency for operations of RCS flights. As on 22.03.2022, the RCS flights between Jorhat and Kolkata airports have been operationalized.
