

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 1622**  
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 1<sup>st</sup> August 2022)

**OPERATIONALISATION OF NEW AIRPORTS UNDER RCS-UDAN**

1622.     **SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR**  
          **SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV**

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

- (a) the number of new airports planned to be brought into operation under the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS)-UDAN and the number of airports ready to be operationalised among those and whether any time limit has been set to make all new airports operationalised;
- (b) whether any policy has been formulated under the Regional Connectivity Scheme-UDAN in relation to providing passenger air services at low cost by private aviation companies; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

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

(a) to (c): 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 and making air travel affordable to the masses. Under the UDAN Scheme, the Government has targeted an indicative airfare at Rs. 2500 for a distance of 500 km to 600 km per RCS seat under Regional Connectivity routes (equivalent to one-hour flight). This airfare is subject to indexation as per the formula specified in the UDAN Scheme document. 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 UDAN. An airport which is included in the awarded routes of UDAN and requires upgradation / development for commencement of RCS operations, is developed under "Revival/upgradation of unserved and underserved airports/heliports/water aerodromes" Scheme for operations of the UDAN flights. The Government of India has set a target to revive/develop 100 Airports by 2024 across the country. Under UDAN, 425 routes have been operationalised so far connecting 68 destinations.