

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO : 7
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 18th July 2022)

OPERATION OF DORNIER 228 AIRCRAFT UNDER UDAN SCHEME

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the first Made-in-India commercial aircraft, 17-seater Dornier 228, started its operations recently;
- (b) to what extent this flight helps to push UDAN routes in the country which otherwise are not so encouraging;
- (c) the details of orders placed for Dornier 228 by airline operators operating on UDAN routes; and
- (d) by when Government will ensure operation of Dornier 228 on identified UDAN routes in Andhra Pradesh?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.07, REGARDING "OPERATIONS OF DORNIER 228 AIRCRAFT UNDER UDAN SCHEME" TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.07.2022.

(a). Alliance Air has started operations with Made in India Dornier-228 Aircraft on the following networks/routes in North Eastern Region (NER) since April, 2022 under the Scheme "Providing Air Connectivity and Aviation Infrastructure in NER".

i. Dibrugarh-Tezu- Dibrugarh

ii. Dibrugarh- Pasighat- Lilabari- Pasighat- Dibrugarh

(b) to (d). Enhancing air connectivity in the NER is a priority area for the Government. Budgetary support has been provided for the scheme - "Providing Air Connectivity and Aviation Infrastructure in NER" which is expected to supplement the Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik (UDAN) Scheme. Under this scheme, Alliance Air has been operating on the selected routes, with civil aircraft Dornier-228 taken on lease from Hindustan Aeronautical Limited (HAL). Passengers travelling in the Dornier-228 Aircraft on the above mentioned routes may also take UDAN and other connecting flights from these Airports to other destinations in the country. Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN is a self financing and market oriented Scheme. Airport Authority of India, the implementing agency of UDAN has awarded 954 valid routes till completion of four rounds of bidding under UDAN and out of which, 425 routes have been operationalized, connecting 68 destinations across the country.

So far, only Alliance Air has taken Dornier-228 on lease for operations of routes in North-Eastern Region. Further, interested airlines based on their assessment of demand on particular routes, including in Andhra Pradesh, submit their proposals at the time of bidding under UDAN. It is the choice of an airline to utilize civil Dornier-228 aircraft as per its business model.
