

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 1295
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 19th December 2022)**

NEW REGIONAL CONNECTIVITY ROUTES UNDER UDAN-III

1295. SHRI DAMODAR RAO DIVAKONDA

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

- (a) whether Government will award any new regional connectivity routes under UDAN III and if so, the details thereof; and
(b) whether the new routes will meet the demands and futuristic requirements of the people of Telangana, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

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

(a) & (b): UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) is a market driven ongoing scheme where bidding rounds are conducted from time to time for covering more destinations/stations and routes across the country. Interested airlines based on their assessment of demand on particular routes, submit their proposals at the time of bidding under UDAN. The Implementing Agency awards the route to the Selected Airline Operator, for a period of 3 years after evaluation of the bid as per the provisions of the Scheme document, for operation of the UDAN flights.

Four rounds of bidding have been completed under the UDAN scheme so far. Airports Authority of India (AAI), the Implementing Agency has awarded 66 UDAN routes in the State of Telangana so far under the concluded bidding rounds, out of which 42 routes have been operationalised.
