

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 1307
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 19th December 2022)**

IMPLEMENTATION OF RCS-UDAN IN ANDHRA PRADESH

1307. SHRI VENKATARAMANA RAO MOPIDEVI

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

- (a) the details of the ongoing and completed projects under the Regional Connectivity Scheme - Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik (RCS-UDAN) in Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) whether Government proposes to launch new projects under RCS-UDAN in Andhra Pradesh; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

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. A total of 28 routes have been operationalised under UDAN connecting various Airports in the State of Andhra Pradesh. 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.

Kadapa, Kurnool (Airport) and Prakasham Barrage (Water Aerodrome/WA) have been identified for the revival/upgradation in the State of Andhra Pradesh, to operate UDAN flights. The UDAN flights operations have already commenced from Kadapa and Kurnool. The Prakasam Barrage (WA) is owned by the State Government of Andhra Pradesh and its pre-feasibility study has been completed.

UDAN is an ongoing scheme where bidding rounds are conducted from time to time for covering more destinations/stations and routes across the country including Andhra Pradesh and in case, any airline submit bid for routes connecting one or more unserved/underserved aerodromes in the State of Andhra Pradesh, in

future rounds of bidding, the same may be considered as per provisions in Scheme document.
