

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 335
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 6th February 2023)**

RCS-UDAN IN ODISHA

335. SHRI NIRANJAN BISHI

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

- (a) the present status of implementation of Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS)-UDAN in Odisha; and
- (b) whether the State Government of Odisha has proposed for the introduction of new air services to increase tourism in the State, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

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(a) & (b): Ministry of Civil Aviation has launched Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) on 21.10.2016 to stimulate regional air connectivity and making air travel affordable to the masses.

Jharsuguda, Rourkela, Utkela, Jeypore and Rangeilunda are Airports in Odisha that have been identified/awarded under UDAN. Jharsuguda, Rourkela and Jeypore Airports have been developed under UDAN and a total of 24 routes have been operationalised connecting various airports in the State of Odisha.

UDAN is an ongoing scheme where bidding rounds are conducted periodically for covering more destinations/stations and routes including for increasing tourism in the State of Odisha and in case, any airline submit any bid for routes in future rounds of bidding, the same may be considered as per provisions of the UDAN Scheme document. The State Government of Odisha has not submitted any proposal to introduce new air services to increase tourism in the State.
