

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 656
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 29th July 2024)**

JABALPUR AIRPORT

656. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that Jabalpur is not only the legal epicentre, but is well connected with Shahdol, Vindhya, Narmadapuram and other major cities of Madhya Pradesh, but due to cancellation of many flights, people are agitated and protesting in the entire region against the discontinuation policy;
- (b) if so, the reasons for Government not including Jabalpur under its UDAN Scheme to ensure good connectivity; and
- (c) whether Government has any plans to improve connectivity from Jabalpur, if so, details thereof and if not, reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a) to (c): Regional Connectivity Scheme - Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik (RCS-UDAN) has been launched by government to enhance regional air connectivity from unserved and underserved airports in the country and aims to make air travel affordable, attractive and attainable to the masses.

Under UDAN 4.0, RCS route connecting Jabalpur to Bilaspur was operationalised by Alliance Air on 01.03.2021. RCS tenure of 3 years has been completed on 28.02.2024. The route is presently operational as non-RCS route after completion of 3 years tenure.

Presently Jabalpur airport is connected with Mumbai, Delhi, Shamshabad, Indore, Bilaspur and Jagdalpur having 94 aircraft movements (arrival + departure) per week.

With the repeal of Air Corporation Act in March 1994, the Indian domestic aviation has been deregulated. Airlines are free to induct capacity with any aircraft type, free to select whatever markets and network they wish to service. It is up to the airline operators to introduce air services to / from any airport in the country depending on their operational and commercial viabilities.
