

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION**  
**Rajya Sabha**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO. : 7**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 22nd July 2024**  
**ESTABLISHMENT OF AIR SERVICES FROM SHIMLA,**  
**HIMACHAL PRADESH**

**7. DR. SIKANDER KUMAR**

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

- (a) whether the State Government of Himachal Pradesh has proposed for the introduction of air services from Shimla;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Union Government has accorded any approvals to the proposal of the State, or has any plan to establish airports of international standard in Himachal Pradesh including one in Shimla; and**
- (d) the time by when flights operations at Shimla airport is likely to commence?**

**ANSWER**

**Minister of CIVIL AVIATION (Shri Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu)**

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

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (D) IN RESPECT OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 7 FOR REPLY ON 22.07.2024 REGARDING ESTABLISHMENT OF AIR SERVICES FROM SHIMLA, HIMACHAL PRADESH ASKED BY DR. SIKANDER KUMAR.**

**(a) to (d) : The Government of India in its endeavor to promote regional and remote connectivity, launched Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS-UDAN) on 21.10.2016. As part of the UDAN initiative,**

**Alliance Air currently operates flights to and from Shimla connecting with Delhi & Amritsar.**

**Under the UDAN Scheme, Government has also conducted bidding rounds to promote air connectivity through Helicopters. So far, RCS routes connecting Shimla (with Fixed Wing and Helicopters) as detailed in Annexure-A, have been awarded to the Selected Airline Operators for the operation of flights.**

**Government of India (GoI) has formulated a Greenfield Airports (GFA) Policy, 2008 which prescribes the procedure and conditions for development of new Greenfield airports in the country. There is a two stage process of approval, i.e. 'Site-Clearance' followed by 'In-Principle' approval. Accordingly, an approval granting Site Clearance' to State Government of Himachal Pradesh (GoHP) was issued on 04.07.2022 for the development of an International Standard Greenfield airport at Nagchala, Mandi, Himachal Pradesh.**

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**Annexure-A**

**Routes awarded from Shimla under RCS – UDAN**

S. N.	Round	FW/H/Sea Plane	Departure	Arrival	Operator	Started on	Remarks
1.	4	Fixed-wing	Delhi	Shimla	Alliance Air	26-09-2022	Operational
2.	4	Fixed-wing	Shimla	Delhi	Alliance Air	26-09-2022	Operational
3.	5.0	Fixed-wing	Shimla	Amritsar	Alliance Air	16-11-2023	Operational
4.	5.0	Fixed-wing	Amritsar	Shimla	Alliance Air	16-11-2023	Operational
5.	5.1	Helicopter	Rackong Peo (H)	Shimla (Sanjoli) (H)	Heritage		Heliports not ready
6.	5.1	Helicopter	Shimla (Sanjoli) (H)	Rackong Peo (H)	Heritage		
7.	5.1	Helicopter	Kullu	Shimla (Sanjoli) (H)	Heritage		Shimla (H) not ready
8.	5.1	Helicopter	Shimla (Sanjoli) (H)	Kullu	Heritage		
9.	5.1	Helicopter	Shimla (Sanjoli) (H)	Chandigarh	Pawan Hans		Shimla (H) not ready
10.	5.1	Helicopter	Chandigarh	Shimla (Sanjoli) (H)	Pawan Hans		
11.	5.1	Helicopter	Shimla (Sanjoli) (H)	Rampur (H)	Pawan Hans		
12.	5.1	Helicopter	Rampur (H)	Shimla (Sanjoli) (H)	Pawan Hans		
13.	5.1	Helicopter	Shimla (Sanjoli) (H)	Manali (H)	Pawan Hans		Heliports not ready
14.	5.1	Helicopter	Manali (H)	Shimla (Sanjoli) (H)	Pawan Hans		