

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
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ALLIANCE AIR'S NETWORK EXPANSION UNDER UDAN SCHEME

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

- (a) whether this initiative of Alliance Air's network expansion is in line with the objectives of UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik) scheme, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of the impact of the launch of these flights on tourism and business in the region;
- (c) whether there are plans to further expand Alliance Air's network across the North Eastern States as well as across the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a) to (d) : Alliance Air started operations on 137 routes, including 30 routes in North Eastern States under the Regional Connectivity Scheme-Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik (RCS-UDAN) Scheme till date.

RCS-UDAN is a regional airport (unserved/underserved) development program of the Government of India which provides connectivity to un-served and underserved airports of the country through revival of existing air strips and airports. In pursuance of the policy, the Government has been taking concrete steps to take flying to the masses by making it affordable, convenient and also provide safe, secure, affordable and sustainable air travel for passengers as well as air transportation of cargo with access to various parts of India and the world and establish an integrated eco-system which is leading to significant growth of the civil aviation sector which in turn is also promoting tourism, increasing employment and leading to balanced regional growth across the country.

Besides UDAN, under the Scheme of 'Providing Air Connectivity in NER', Viability Gap Funding (VGF) is provided to M/s Alliance Air for providing air

connectivity in the North Eastern Region(NER). Alliance Air operates in NER on Lilabari, Guwahati, Pasighat, Aizawl, Shillong, Tezpur with ATR-72 aircraft and Guwahati, Dibrugarh, Itanagar, Ziro, Pasighat, Tezu with Dornier DO-228 Aircraft.
