

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 3784
(To be answered on the 18th March 2021)**

UDAN SCHEME IN KARNATAKA

3784. SHRI PRAJWAL REVANNA

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government has launched UDAN the regional connectivity scheme in the country and if so, the details, salient features and achievements made thereof;
- (b) the details of unserved and underserved regions which are connected under UDAN scheme in Karnataka
- (c) the details of routes operationalized under the scheme in Karnataka; and
- (d) whether the Government has received request from Government of Karnataka for operating airport in Hassan under UDAN scheme to promote tourism and export of agricultural products, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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(a) Ministry of Civil Aviation launched Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) on 21-10-2016 to stimulate regional air connectivity and make air travel affordable for the masses. 325 UDAN routes have been operationalised involving 56 UDAN unserved / underserved airports including five heliports and two water aerodromes. The salient features of the UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) scheme are as under:

- i. The Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) is designed to enable air operations on underserved/unserved routes connecting regional areas, promote balanced regional growth and make flying affordable for masses.**
- ii. Financial incentives in terms of concessions from Central, State Governments and airport operators are extended to Selected Airline Operators to encourage operations from unserved/underserved airports/heliports/water aerodromes and to keep the air fare affordable.**

iii. Support to the Selected Airline Operators in the form of Viability Gap Funding (VGF). State Governments concerned provide 20% share towards VGF for RCS flights pertaining to their states. However, the share of VGF for North-Eastern states and the Union Territories is 10%.

iv. Excise Duty at the rate of 2% is levied on Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) drawn by Selected Airline Operators at RCS Airports for RCS Flights for a period of three (3) years from the date of commencement of RCS flight.

v. The airlines are required to commit around 50% of the seats as RCS seats (limited to 40 seats) on RCS flights.

vi. Regional Connectivity Fund (RCF) is created by levying Rs.5000/- on each departure of flights on aircraft having MTOW (Maximum Take-Off Weight) above 40 Tonnes except for the departure of flights on routes in North East Region, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Union Territories of Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep Islands.

vii. For balanced regional growth, route allocations are spread equitably across five regions in the country viz. North, South, East, West and North East (with a cap of 30% in a given region).

viii. RCS-UDAN is a market driven mechanism. Development of regional air connectivity routes is left to market forces. The interested airlines based on their assessment of demand on particular routes submit proposals at the time of bidding under RCS - UDAN from time to time.

(b) to (d): AAI, the Implementing agency has awarded routes connecting Belgavi, Bidar, Hubballi, Kalaburgi, Mysuru and Vidyanagar airports till three rounds of bidding under UDAN. The details of the RCS routes operationalised in Karnataka, so far, under the Scheme are attached at Annexure-A. Hassan airport, Karnataka is not available in UDAN document. RCS - UDAN is a market driven scheme. The interested airlines based on their assessment of demand on particular routes submit their proposals at the time of bidding under RCS - UDAN from time to time. An airport which is included in the awarded routes of RCS - UDAN and requires upgradation/development for commencement of RCS operations is developed under "Revival of unserved and underserved airports" scheme.

Annexure-A

Status of RCS routes operationalized connecting Karnataka under UDAN

Sl.No.	Departure Airport	Arrival Airport
1.	Bangalore	Vidyanagar
2.	Mysore	Chennai
3.	Vidyanagar	Bangalore
4.	Vidyanagar	Hyderabad
5.	Bangalore	Bidar
6.	Bidar	Bangalore
7.	Bangalore	Allahabad
8.	Bangalore	Darbhunga
9.	Bangalore	Kannur
10.	Bangalore	Kolhapur
11.	Hubli	Ahmedabad
12.	Hubli	Chennai
13.	Hubli	Cochin
14.	Hubli	Goa
15.	Hubli	Hyderabad
16.	Hubli	Kannur
17.	Hubli	Tirupati
18.	Hubli	Hindon
19.	Bangalore	Gwalior
20.	Bangalore	Kalaburgi(Gulbarga)
21.	Bangalore	Kalaburgi(Gulbarga)
22.	Belgaum	Ahmedabad
23.	Belgaum	Hyderabad

24.	Belgaum	Hyderabad
25.	Belgaum	Hyderabad
26.	Belgaum	Indore
27.	Belgaum	Jodhpur
28.	Belgaum	Kadapa
29.	Belgaum	Mumbai
30.	Belgaum	Mumbai
31.	Belgaum	Mysore
32.	Belgaum	Ozar(Nasik)
33.	Belgaum	Pune
34.	Belgaum	Surat
35.	Belgaum	Tirupati
36.	Kalaburgi(Gulbarga)	Bangalore
37.	Kalaburgi(Gulbarga)	Bangalore
38.	Kalaburgi(Gulbarga)	Tirupati
39.	Kalaburgi(Gulbarga)	Hindon
40.	Mysore	Belgaum
41.	Mysore	Cochin International Airport(CIAL)
42.	Mysore	Goa
43.	Mysore	Hyderabad
44.	Mysore	Hyderabad
45.	Bangalore	Mysore
46.	Mysore	Bangalore