GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION Lok Sabha UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 2886 (TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 8th August 2024) RCS-UDAN SCHEME IN ANDHRA PRADESH

2886. SHRI BASTIPATI NAGARAJU Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

be pleased to state:-

(a) the current status of the implementation of the Regional Connectivity Scheme-Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik (RCS-UDAN) in Andhra Pradesh, including the number of operational routes and airports;
(b) the quantum of funds allocated and utilized under RCS-UDAN scheme in Andhra Pradesh during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether the Government has proposed future plans and initiatives to expand RCS-UDAN scheme in Andhra Pradesh, including the development of new routes and airports; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION (Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a): In the State of Andhra Pradesh, 2 Airports and 32 routes have been operationalised so far under the Regional Connectivity Scheme - Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik (RCS-UDAN).;

Kadapa airport has been developed with an expenditure of Rs. 99.20 crore. The airport was operationalised on 30.03.2017 by Trujet connecting routes to Chennai, Vijayawada, Hyderabad and Belgaum. Presently non-RCS/commercial flights are operational from Kadapa.

Kurnool airport was operationalised on 28.03.2021 under the RCS Scheme. RCS routes connecting Kurnool to Chennai, Bangalore and Vishakhapatnam are in operation by Indigo. Prakasam Barrage, Water Aerodrome has been identified for development and seaplanes operations and is being developed by the State Government under RCS-UDAN.

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(b): The details of funds allocated and utilised under RCS-UDAN scheme in Andhra Pradesh during the last three years are at Annexure.;

(c) & (d): Bobbili, Donakonda and Ellore airstrips in Andhra Pradesh are available in the tentative list of unserved airports under UDAN. Development of unserved and underserved airports is undertaken upon its identification through valid bid and award to the Selected Airline Operator (SAO). No valid bid for the routes connecting these airports has so far been received.

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ANNEXURE

Funds Allocated and Utilised Under RCS-UDAN Scheme in Andhra Pradesh

State of Andhra Pradesh		Expenditure incurred so far	Funds Utilised in the last three years		
	Sanctioned Cost		FY: 2021- 2022	FY: 2022- 2023	FY: 2023- 2024
Airports and Water Aerodromes	109.91	99.23	5.11	8.67	0.23

(Amount in Rs. Crores)