

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 715
(To be answered on the 7th February 2019)**

CANCELLATION OF AIR OPERATION LICENCES

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

- (a) the number of air operation licenses that have been cancelled by the Government in the last five years in the country, yearwise and State-wise;
- (b) if so, the details of its impact on passengers;
- (c) whether the National Civil Aviation policy envisages promotion of regional connectivity and to what extent such cancellation of license has impacted the regional connectivity in the country, especially in Odisha; and
- (d) whether Jaharsuguda airport in Odisha has been inaugurated recently and if so, the number of passenger aircrafts that have started operating from there?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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(Shri Jayant Sinha)

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- (a): No, Air Operator License has been cancelled in the last five years.
- (b): Does not arise.
- (c): Government of India has launched RCS-UDAN scheme in October, 2016. So far 3 rounds of bidding under RCS-UDAN has been successfully completed in which routes connecting 69 unserved airports and 6 waterdromes were awarded. 56 routes awarded to Air Odisha and Deccan Charters under UDAN 1 were cancelled due to poor performance/non-performance.
- (d): Jharsuguda Airport was inaugurated on 22.09.2018 under UDAN version 1. Routes connecting Jharsuguda airport awarded to Air Odisha were cancelled due to poor performance and taken up for bidding under UDAN version 3. 6 routes connecting Jharsuguda airport to Kolkata, Bhubaneshwar, Hyderabad, Mumbai, Delhi and Raipur airport has been awarded under UDAN version 3.
