

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 720  
(To be answered on the 7<sup>th</sup> February 2019)**

**IMPROVEMENT OF OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY**

**720. SHRI ALOK SANJAR**

**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION**

**नागर विमानन मंत्री**

**be pleased to state:-**

- (a) whether the Airlines in the country have taken several steps to make improvement in their operational efficiency as a result of which their revenue and income have increased and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether new air services have been introduced in various cities of the country during the last three years;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether any steps have been taken by the Government to make air travel cheaper in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION**

**नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री**

**(Shri Jayant Sinha)**

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- (a) No such analysis has been carried out by this Ministry.
- (b) & (c): Air service to following cities have been introduced in the last three years: Kanpur, Kandla, Porbandar, Shimla, Nanded, Bhatinda, Mundra, Vidyanagar, Shirdi, Nashik, Jalgaon, Ludhiana, Bikaner, Jaiselmer, Pasighat, Jagdalpur, Kolhapur, Pathankot, Adampur, Pakyong, Salem, Kannur, Kishangarh & Pithorgarh
- (d) & (e): In order to provide affordable air services Government has launched Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik) which is a market driven mechanism and supported by Central Government, State Governments and Airport Operators. Development of regional air connectivity routes is left to the market forces such that airlines undertake assessment of demand and nature of supply required on particular routes and lead the process under RCS - UDAN.

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