

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1630
(To be answered on the 28th November 2019)

SMALLER AIRPORTS UNDER UDAN

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government is implementing UDAN scheme under which various small airports are being connected with small flights and if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether the Government has any proposal to start flight service under this scheme to Coimbatore-Thanjavur, Chennai-Thanjavur, Coimbatore-Hosur etc.;
and
(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

Minister of State (IC) in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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(a): Government has launched Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) on 21.10.2016 to stimulate regional air connectivity by making it affordable. Under RCS-UDAN, 688 RCS routes have been awarded connecting 137 small cities. Out of which, 232 RCS routes commenced connecting 43 small cities till date.

(b) & (c) : RCS-UDAN is market driven mechanism. Development of regional air connectivity routes is left to market forces so that airlines undertake assessment of demand and nature of supply required on particular routes. RCS routes between Tanjore(Thanjavur) - Chennai and Tanjore(Thanjavur) - Bangalore have been awarded to Selected Airline Operator under UDAN. However, no airline has submitted the proposal to operate RCS flight on the sector Coimbatore -Thanjavur and Coimbatore- Hosur till 3rd round of bidding under RCS-UDAN.