

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO : 1**  
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023)

**UDAN SCHEME**

\*1. SHRI KARTIKEYA SHARMA

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:-

- (a) the number of airports under UDAN scheme opened in the State of Haryana;
- (b) the amount of Viability Gap Funding provided to these airports till date;
- (c) the new airports proposed under the scheme for the State of Haryana;
- (d) the proposed date of operationalizing Ambala Airport along with details of scheduled/unscheduled flights planned and cities proposed to be connected initially with Ambala Airport; and
- (e) the domestic air traffic from the State of Haryana during the last three years including 2023, year-wise and airport-wise?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia)

(a) to (e) : A STATEMENT IS LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE HOUSE.

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Statement referred in reply to Part (a) to (e) of Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 1 regarding "UDAN Scheme" to be answered on 04.12.2023.

(a) : In the 2nd round of bidding under UDAN(Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik), Hisar airport owned by the State Government of Haryana was identified for development and operation of flights under Regional Connectivity Scheme. RCS flights connecting Hisar with Chandigarh was commenced on 14.01.2021 by M/s Air Taxi with the 3-seater aircraft. The routes connecting Hisar with Dharamshala and Dehradun commenced on 08.02.2021. The flights were subsequently discontinued by the operator from 01.08.2021 due to operational reasons.

(b) : An amount of Rs.66,21,669/- towards Viability Gap Funding (VGF) was disbursed to the Selected Airline Operator for operation of the RCS flights. An amount of Rs 37.81 cr has been spent on the development of Hisar Airport under the Revival/Upgradation of Airports/heliports/water aerodromes

(c) & (d): During the 3rd round of bidding, Ambala airport owned by the IAF was identified to operate RCS flights. Under UDAN 4.2 round of bidding, RCS routes Ambala-Srinagar-Ambala was awarded to M/s FlyBig for operation of RCS flights with 19 seater type of aircraft. An amount of Rs.25 Crore has been sanctioned for development work of Civil Enclave at Ambala Airport, which is being undertaken by the Government of Haryana.

(e) : A total of 182 RCS flights were operated connecting Hisar Airport from Feb 2021 to Aug 2021.

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