

Ministry of Tourism



IMPROVEMENT IN CONNECTIVITY FOR TOURIST DESTINATIONS

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Connectivity is an important aspect for developing tourism in the country. Ministry of Tourism coordinate very closely with Ministry of Civil Aviation, Ministry of Railways, Ministry of Road Transport & Highways and Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways for connecting the tourism destinations with major source market and also to achieve last mile connectivity across the country including the tourist destinations in Assam.

Ministry of Road Transport & Highways is primarily responsible for development and Maintenance of National Highways (NHs) in the country and based on the traffic density, connectivity/logistic requirements and synergy with **PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan**. Development and planning of State Highways (SHs) in the region is being done by the concerned State Governments/Union Territory Administration.

Ministry of Civil Aviation, Government of India in 2016 has launched **RCS-UDAN** (Regional Connectivity Scheme - Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik) scheme, whose primary objective is to facilitate/stimulate regional air connectivity by making it affordable. Ministry of Tourism has collaborated with the Ministry of Civil Aviation to extend financial support in the form of **Viability Gap Funding (VGF)** under the **Champion Services Sector Scheme (CSSS)** with the purpose of further improving connectivity to important tourist places including lesser-known destinations. Ministry of Tourism is sharing the Viability Gap Funding (VGF) amount for the 53 tourism routes identified for this purpose, list of which is placed at Annexure.

Ministry of Tourism is working closely with all the line Ministries to address connectivity gaps and this remains a continuous and ongoing endeavor. No specific timeline has been fixed for completion of such projects.

ANNEXURE

List Of 53 Tourism Routes Commenced Under RCS-UDAN

Sr.No.	Departure Airport	Arrival Airport
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1.	Ahmedabad(Gujarat)	Udaipur (Rajasthan)
2.	Udaipur (Rajasthan)	Ahmedabad(Gujarat)
3.	Amritsar(Punjab)	Jaipur(Rajasthan)
4.	Jaipur(Rajasthan)	Amritsar
5.	Bhopal (Madhya Pradesh)	Udaipur (Rajasthan)
6.	Udaipur (Rajasthan)	Bhopal (Madhya Pradesh)
7.	Bangalore (Karnataka)	Mysore (Karnataka)
8.	Mysore (Karnataka)	Bangalore (Karnataka)
9.	Rajamundry (Andhra Pradesh)	Vishakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh)
10.	Vishakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh)	Rajamundry (Andhra Pradesh)
11.	Kolkata (West Bengal)	Amritsar (Punjab)
12.	Amritsar (Punjab)	Kolkata (West Bengal)
13.	Dimapur (Nagaland)	Imphal (Manipur)
14.	Imphal (Manipur)	Dimapur (Nagaland)
15.	Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh)	Bhubaneshwar (Odisha)
16.	Bhubaneshwar (Odisha)	Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh)
17.	Aizawl (Mizoram)	Agartala (Tripura)
18.	Agartala (Tripura)	Aizawl (Mizoram)
19.	Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh)	Bhubaneshwar (Odisha)

20.	Bhubaneshwar (Odisha)	Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh)
21.	Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh)	Patna (Bihar)
22.	Amritsar (Punjab)	Patna (Bihar)
23.	Patna (Bihar)	Amritsar (Punjab)
24.	Calicut (Kerala)	Delhi
25.	Delhi	Calicut (Kerala)
26.	Agra (Uttar Pradesh)	Bhopal (Madhya Pradesh)
27.	Bhopal (Mp)	Agra (Uttar Pradesh)
28.	Dibrugarh (Assam)	Dimapur (Nagaland)
29.	Dimapur (Nagaland)	Dibrugarh (Assam)
30.	Dibrugarh (Assam)	Imphal (Manipur)
31.	Imphal (Manipur)	Dibrugarh (Assam)
32.	Delhi	Khajuraho (Madhya Pradesh)
33.	Khajuraho (Madhya Pradesh)	Delhi
34.	Gorakhpur (Uttar Pradesh)	Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh)
35.	Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh)	Gorakhpur (Uttar Pradesh)
36.	Prayagraj (Uttar Pradesh)	Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh)
37.	Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh)	Prayagraj (Uttar Pradesh)
38.	Deoghar (Jharkhand)	Kolkata (West Bengal)
39.	Kolkata (West Bengal)	Deoghar (Jharkhand)
40.	Deoghar (Jharkhand)	Patna (Bihar)

41.	Patna (Bihar)	Deoghar (Jharkhand)
42.	Deoghar (Jharkhand)	Ranchi (Jharkhand)
43.	Ranchi (Jharkhand)	Deoghar (Jharkhand)
44.	Bangalore (Karnataka)	Vidyanagar (Karnataka)
45.	Vidyanagar (Karnataka)	Bangalore (Karnataka)
46.	Hyderabad (Telangana)	Vidyanagar (Karnataka)
47.	Vidyanagar (Karnataka)	Hyderabad (Telangana)
48.	Bhopal (Madhya Pradesh)	Udaipur (Rajasthan)
49.	Udaipur (Rajasthan)	Bhopal (Madhya Pradesh)
50.	Ahmedabad (Gujarat)	Udaipur (Rajasthan)
51.	Udaipur (Rajasthan)	Ahmedabad (Gujarat)
52.	Hollongi (Arunachal Pradesh)	Guwahati (Assam)
53.	Guwahati (Assam)	Hollongi (Arunachal Pradesh)

This information was given by Union Minister for Culture and Tourism Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat in a written reply in Lok Sabha today.

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