

F. No. AV. 13011/5/2017-DT (RCS)/MoCA
Ministry of Civil Aviation

Rajiv Gandhi Bhawan,
New Delhi-110003
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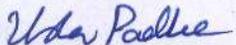
ORDER

Air travel of passengers, both domestic and international, has been prohibited since 25th March 2020. Now it has been decided by Government that domestic air travel of passengers shall resume with effect from 25th May, 2020 (As per the order of MHA dated 20th May, 2020). Accordingly, Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) has developed general instructions and detailed guidelines for air travel of passengers and major stakeholders {Selected Airline Operators (SAOs), Airports, Security Agencies, Ground Handling Agencies and Health Authorities, etc.} by incorporating necessary safeguards in consultation with Experts and Stakeholders. MoCA, vide Order No. AV.29017/5/2020-DT dated 21/05/2020 has decided to recommence domestic air travel from 25th May, 2020 with a limited extent.

2. RCS-UDAN is a flagship program of Government of India to provide affordable air connectivity to common man in remote areas of the country and make flying affordable to the masses. To ensure the benefit of air connectivity to small cities/ towns, following modalities have been finalized for operation of RCS-UDAN flights:

- a. All the Operational Routes in Priority Areas (North East Region, Hilly States and Islands) are permitted to resume operations.
- b. All Operational Helicopter Routes are permitted to resume operations.
- c. All Operational Routes with Zero VGF are permitted to resume operations.
- d. All Operational Routes up to 500 km Stage Length are permitted to resume operations.
- e. Selected Airline Operators (SAOs) are allowed to operationalise awarded routes under UDAN (including Seaplanes) covered under above categories.
- f. If willing to operate without VGF support, SAOs may operate Tourism RCS routes (T-RCS) or RCS routes with stage length more than 500 km in areas other than Priority Areas. However, other incentives for the respective routes as per the scheme document would continue to be available for the contract period.
- g. SAOs may also be allowed to operate RCS routes with stage length more than 500 km as per the respective SAO agreements in cases where:
 - a. Operation of such route(s) is necessary for repositioning of aircraft for a network which consists of all other RCS routes belonging to the above categories.

- b. Non operation of such RCS routes would lead to the airport(s) being connected by such routes to become unserved as per the Scheme document.
- h. Considering the limited amount of demand likely to be seen in the near future as well as the objective of optimal utilization of VGF, SAOs are allowed operating flexibility in their schedules while mandating a minimum of 3 flights per week and maximum as per the awarded frequency in the respective Agreements. Further, SAOs are allowed flexibility to operate truncated routes from the networks or from new networks as long as RCS routes within the network belong to the categories mentioned above.
- i. RCS-UDAN flights would be in addition to the permitted 1/3rd capacity of the approved Summer Schedule, 2020 as communicated vide Order dated 21st May, 2020 of MoCA.
- j. List of the allowed routes will be communicated by RCS Cell, AAI from time to time for necessary action by the SAOs, DGCA, BCAS and concerned State/ UT Governments.
- k. Implementation of these measures will be reviewed from time to time and based on the progress, further directions would be communicated.
- l. All SAOs shall be required to follow SOP for operation of flights as per the guidelines issued by MoCA dated 21/05/2020.
- m. This order shall remain in force till 3 months or further orders of MoCA, whichever is earlier.
3. This is issued with the approval of Competent Authority.


(Usha Padhee)

Joint Secretary to the Government of India

To:

1. Chairman, AAI, CHQ, New Delhi with a request to effect the schedule of SAOs in accordance with the order.
2. DGCA, New Delhi with a request to effect the schedule of SAOs in accordance with the order.
3. DG, BCAS, New Delhi.
4. PS to HMoSCA (IC).
5. Secretary, CA.
6. Sr. EA/ JS&FA/ JS (SKM)/ JS (RA)/ JS (AD), MoCA.
7. Concerned State/ UT Governments.
8. IT Section, MoCA for placing the order on MoCA's website.