



UDAN 4.1
Pre-bid meeting
Regional Connectivity Scheme
Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik

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Introduction to UDAN 4.1

UDAN 4.1 is a special bidding round under UDAN 4 to award and operationalize pre-determined RCS Routes through a special, single-stage bidding round

Categories of routes considered:

- Fixed-wing routes from past UDAN rounds that are being reconsidered (Annexure III A of NIE-P)
- Fixed-wing routes proposed by State Governments / UT Administrations / Ministry of Tourism (GoI) (Annexure III B)
- Special helicopter and seaplane routes (Annexure III C)
- Routes requested by NEC/DoNER (Annexure III D)
- Seaplane routes proposed by Sagarmala Seaplane Services (Annexure III E)

Type of operation allowed:

- All types of operations through fixed-wing, seaplane and helicopters are allowed under SCO, SOP and NSOP licenses

Applicable Concessions

Type of Route	Central Govt Concessions	State Govt Concessions	Airport Operator Concessions	Exclusivity	VGF Contribution % (Centre: State)	Reference
RCS/PRCS (of past rounds)	✓	✓	✓	✓	As per Scheme	Annexure III A
RCS Routes (suggested by States/UTs)	✓	✓	✓	✓	Relevant State/UT Governments	Annexure III B
P RCS Routes (suggested by States/UTs)	✓	✓	✓	✓	As per Scheme	Annexure III B
Seaplane and helicopter routes (in all regions)	✓	✓	✓	✓	As per Scheme	Annexure III C
SRCS Routes in Priority Areas (designated as PSRCS) (including NEC/DONER routes)	✓	✓	✓	✗	As per Scheme	Annexure III D
SRCS (other than Priority Areas)	✗	✗	✗	✗	As per Scheme	Annexures III A and B
TRCS	✓	✓	✗	✗	Ministry of Tourism (MoT)	Annexures III A and B
Routes proposed by Sagarmala Seaplane Services	✓	✓	✓	✓	Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways and MoT	Annexure III E

Key changes

Comparison of key features of UDAN 4 vis-à-vis UDAN 4.1. Potential bidders may refer to the relevant clauses/ annexures of the Scheme and the NIE-P. They are, however, also encouraged to review & examine the entire Scheme document, NIE-P and SAOA in detail.

Heading	Features	
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Type of operations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only SCO/SOP operations allowed for fixed-wing (non-seaplane) routes • NSOP operations allowed for helicopter and seaplane routes as an interim measure till licensing of water aerodromes and heliports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NSOP operations allowed for all types of routes (including non-seaplane, fixed-wing routes) for the entire tenure of operations • Subject to all safety and security regulations/rules/provisions from DGCA, BCAS and any other authorities
Type of Routes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RCS / P RCS routes, State RCS Routes, Lakshadweep Specific Routes, North Eastern Region Route 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RCS / P RCS routes, State RCS Routes retained • Tourism RCS (T RCS) Routes have been added • The entire VGF amount for T RCS routes shall be paid by the Department of Tourism. These routes shall accrue the same benefits as an RCS Route except they will not be eligible for concessions that are offered by airport/ water aerodrome operators and exclusivity of operations

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Stage length and applicable airfare and VGF caps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The stage length for fixed-wing aircraft routes between the origin and destination airports is not more than 600 kms for operations through Category-2 and Category-3 fixed wing aircraft and is not more than 500 kms for operations through Category-1 and Category-1A fixed wing aircraft (including seaplanes). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The stage length for fixed-wing aircraft routes may be greater than 600km for operations through Category-2 and Category-3 fixed-wing aircraft. VGF cap for all routes with stage length greater than 500km will correspond to the VGF cap for routes with stage length between 476 km and 500km.
VGF cap for helicopter operation – single-engine helicopter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Single-engine VGF caps have now been incorporated. For indexation of VGF Cap / VGF sought for single engine helicopters, the months of the Base Financial Quarter for which the data pertaining to CPI-IW, exchange rate, and ATF shall be considered are November 2020, December 2020 and January 2021. It is clarified that the airfare caps for both single-engine and twin-engine helicopters shall remain the same and the indexation of the airfare caps will be conducted as per the Scheme.

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Proposal Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Applicants shall furnish as part of each Proposal, a Proposal Security for an amount of Rs. Five Lakhs (Rs. 5,00,000/-) (for Applicants falling under Section 3.2.1.3 (a) and Section 3.2.1.3 (b) of the Scheme) or, Rs. Twenty Lakhs (Rs. 20,00,000/-) (for Applicants falling under Section 3.2.1.3 (c) and Section 3.2.1.3 (d) of the Scheme before the last date of Submission of Initial Proposals	<ul style="list-style-type: none">All applicants shall furnish as part of each Proposal, a Proposal Security for an amount of Rs. Five Lakhs (Rs. 5,00,000/-) before the last date of Submission of Proposals.

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