

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 985
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 10th February 2021)**

AIR SERVICES FROM CHUNAPUR MILITARY AIRPORT

985. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR MODI

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

- (a) whether a military airport is operational at Chunapur of district Purnea in Bihar since 1960;**
- (b) whether Government has decided to open this airport for civil aviation services; and**
- (c) if so, the details of its progress and by when the civil aviation services could become operational from this airport?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (IC) IN THE Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION
(Shri Hardeep Singh Puri)**

(a): Purnea airport is an Air Force Station (AFS) owned and managed by Indian Air Force (IAF).

(b) & (c): A joint feasibility study for development of a Civil Enclave at AFS, Purnea at a cost of 150 Cr. was conducted by AAI and IAF with the representatives of the State Administration of Bihar and accordingly, a land requirement of 50 acre was projected to the State Govt. of Bihar. The completion of the project is dependent on various factors including the handing over of land free of cost and free from all encumbrances to AAI by the State Govt. of Bihar, various project clearances, financial constraints etc.
