

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 2413**  
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 20<sup>th</sup> December 2021)

**ALLOCATION OF FUNDS TO BIHAR**

2413. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR MODI

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has urged Bihar Government in matter related to land allocation and funding to boost aviation infrastructure for five airports in Bihar;
- (b) how much land is required for development for Raxaul, Purnia, Patna and Muzaffarpur and status thereof;
- (c) how many flights are operating under UDAN in Bihar and how much fund has been given for UDAN in Bihar and the details thereof; and
- (d) whether there is any plan to include any other airport under UDAN in Bihar?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD))

(a) to (d): Ministry of Civil Aviation has launched Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) on 21-10-2016 to stimulate regional air connectivity and making air travel affordable to the masses. RCS - UDAN is a market driven scheme. Interested airlines based on their assessment of demand on particular routes submit their proposals at the time of bidding under UDAN. An airport which is included in the awarded routes of UDAN and requires upgradation/development for commencement of RCS operations, is developed under "Revival of unserved and underserved airports" scheme.

Muzaffarpur and Raxaul in Bihar figure in the tentative list of unserved airports in the UDAN scheme document. However, no airline has submitted bid from these airports for operations of UDAN flights. Patna is a served airport as per the provisions of the scheme document. Purnia belongs to Ministry of Defence and does not figure in the tentative list of unserved/underserved airports in the UDAN scheme document.

After 4 rounds of bidding under RCS - UDAN, Darbhanga airport in Bihar has been awarded to Selected Airline Operator (SAO) for operating RCS - UDAN

flights to Bengaluru, Delhi and Mumbai. SAO has commenced UDAN flights connecting Darbhanga airport to Bengaluru, Delhi and Mumbai. A provision of approx. Rs. 120 crore has been made for development/upgradation of the Darbhanga Airport as a Civil Enclave and so far, expenditure of Rs. 82.41 crore has been incurred to develop Darbhanga airport.

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