

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 497
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 12th December 2022)

AIRPORT IN BEGUSARAI -BARAUNI INDUSTRIAL ZONE

497. SHRI RAKESH SINHA

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

- (a) whether Government will consider to provide air connectivity to Begusarai - Barauni which is one of the oldest industrial zone in independent India and recently its revival and resurrection after 2014 is significant but it lacks air connectivity;
- (b) the steps being taken to modernise its airport which is less frequently used and only for VIP movements;
- (c) the hurdle in connecting it under UDAN Yojna; and
- (d) whether Government will consider air connectivity, considering it as industrial zone rather than a district?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

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

(a) to (d): Begusarai airstrip is owned by the State Government of Bihar and is available in the list of unserved Airports under the UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) Scheme document.

UDAN is a market demand driven Scheme. Interested airlines based on their assessment of demand & feasibility of operation on a particular route or particular routes, submit their proposals at the time of bidding under UDAN. Selection of airlines is done through a transparent bidding process.

An airport which is included in the awarded routes of UDAN and requires upgradation / development for commencement of flight operations, is developed under "Revival/upgradation of unserved and underserved airports/heliports/water aerodromes" Scheme. None of the airline bidders has submitted any bid for connecting Begusarai airport to any other destination, under the concluded UDAN rounds so far.

In case any airline submits bid for routes connecting Begusarai airport under

UDAN in future bidding rounds, the same will be considered as per provisions of the scheme document.
