GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
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(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 16th September 2020)

UDAN SCHEME IN BIHAR

344. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR

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

(a) the number of places in Bihar from where air traffic is proposed to be started under UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagarik) scheme during this year;
(b) whether it is a fact that there is a long delay in starting proposed flights from Darbhanga of Bihar under this scheme;
(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and
(d) by when, all hurdles will be removed and by when, flights from Darbhanga will be started?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Hardeep Singh Puri)

(a) to (d): Airports Authority of India (AAI), the Implementing Agency, has awarded the following network to Selected Airline Operator (SAO) for starting air services from Darbhanga in Bihar under Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS)- Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik (UDAN):-

1. Mumbai - Darbhanga - Mumbai
2. Delhi - Darbhanga - Delhi
3. Bengaluru - Darbhanga - Bengaluru

The Selected Airline Operators (SAOs) are obligated to commence RCS flight operations on a RCS-route within a period of six months from the issuance of Letter of Award or within two months from the readiness of airport, whichever is later, unless any extension is granted by the Implementing Agency. Darbhanga is an Indian Air Force airport , where the runway was required to be strengthened for proposed RCS operations. AAI has taken up the works for strengthening of the runway and construction of terminal building. The RCS operations from Darbhanga can be commenced once the runway is strengthened. It is planned to commence operations by early November 2020. Operational and procedural requirements as needed would be completed accordingly.

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