GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
Rajya Sabha
STARRED QUESTION NO. : 238
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 17th March 2021

AIR SERVICES FROM SAMASTIPUR UNDER UDAN SCHEME

238. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR

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

(a) whether Government would conduct any feasibility study with regard to include Samastipur of Bihar under 'UDAN' scheme;

(b) whether it is a fact that aviation related infrastructure is already available in Samastipur and aircrafts used to land there after taking off from state owned hangers; and

(c) if so, whether Government would consider to start air services, by including Samastipur under 'UDAN' scheme?

ANSWER

Minister of State (IC) in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION (Shri Hardeep Singh Puri)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 238 REGARDING "AIR SERVICES FROM SAMASTIPUR UNDER UDAN SCHEME" TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.03.2021.

(a) to (c): Ministry of Civil Aviation 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. The interested airlines based on their assessment of demand on particular routes submit their proposals at the time of bidding under RCS - UDAN from time to time. Samastipur of Bihar is not available in the indicative list

of Underserved/ Unserved Airports attached to the UDAN Document. If the Government of Bihar requests the Ministry of Civil Aviation for inclusion of Samastipur in RCS document, the same could be included for bidding by prospective airlines bidder in future rounds of bidding. If any bid is received, the same shall be considered as per the provisions of Scheme Document.

There is an unpaved (Kutcha) airstrip at Samastipur of dimension approximately 470 X 97 m. The strip belongs to state government.

An airport which is included in the awarded routes of RCS - UDAN and requires upgradation/development for commencement of RCS operations is developed under "Revival of unserved and underserved airports" scheme.