

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 1761  
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 4<sup>th</sup> August 2021)

**BEGUSARAI (ULAO) AIRPORT UNDER RCS-UDAN SCHEME**

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

- (a) whether there is an airport in Begusarai (Bihar) and whose potentiality is unutilised
- (b) what steps have been taken to improve and optimally utilise it
- (c) whether Government is aware of grabbing of Begusarai airport's land
- (d) whether Government will take immediate step to safeguard airport land by constructing boundary wall
- (e) whether Begusarai -Barauni being most vibrant industrial city with huge population, witnesses large number of business and official travellers
- (f) if so, in view of industrial and business activities, whether Government will consider including Begusarsi (Ula0) airport in RCS -UDAN scheme and
- (g) whether Government will assess viability of project and act accordingly?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

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(a) to (g): Begusarai airstrip belongs to Government of Bihar. The State Government of Bihar has informed that the land related dispute is sub-judice in the Hon'ble High Court, Patna. The State Government has completed the recarpeting of the runway and has also sanctioned/ released budget for the construction of boundary wall of the Begusarai airport/airstrip.

Ministry of Civil Aviation launched Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) on 21-10-2016 to enhance regional air connectivity and making air travel affordable to the masses. Begusarai airstrip figures in the list of unserved airports in UDAN Scheme Document which are available for bidding by airlines. However, no bid/proposal has been received for operation of flights from Begusarai till four round 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.