GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 2401
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 20th December 2021)

DEVELOPMENT OF AIRPORTS IN BIHAR

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

(a) the number of airports in Bihar proposed to be developed under the UDAN scheme by Government;
(b) whether it is proposed to start air traffic from any other city other than Darbhanga; and
(c) whether Government has got any feasibility study done regarding the inclusion of Samastipur in the UDAN scheme?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

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

(a) to (c): 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 for making air travel affordable to the masses. 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. 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. Samastipur of Bihar is not available in the indicative list of Underserved Airports and Unserved Airports in India in UDAN Document.

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