

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 356
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 24th July 2023)

AIRPORT IN BEGUSARAI, BIHAR

356. SHRI RAKESH SINHA

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that due to non connectivity by air service the business and industrial activities are getting hampered at Begusarai, the industrial capital of Bihar;
- (b) the measures taken by Government to connect with air services;
- (c) the present status of its airport;
- (d) whether it has been included in the Udan scheme; and
- (e) if so, by when the regular services would start?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

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

(a) to (e): Begusarai airstrip is owned by the State Government of Bihar. The airstrip is available in the list of unserved Airports under the UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) Scheme document. No airline has submitted bids for connecting Begusarai airport to any other destination under UDAN in any of the bidding rounds so far.

UDAN is an ongoing market driven scheme where bidding rounds are conducted from time to time to cover more destinations/stations and routes. Based on their assessment of demand on particular routes, interested airlines submit their proposals at the time of bidding under UDAN. An airport which is included in the awarded routes of UDAN and requires upgradation/development for commencement of UDAN operations, is developed under 'Revival of unserved and underserved airports' scheme
