

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 2583
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 24th March 2025)**

DARBHANGA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

2583. SHRI SANJAY KUMAR JHA

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

- (a) whether Government is planning to convert Darbhanga airport in Bihar into an international airport;
- (b) if so, the current status of the project, including any approvals, feasibility studies, or clearances that have been obtained so far;
- (c) the expected capacity of the international airport, including the number of passengers it can handle annually and the types of international flights it will cater to;
- (d) timeline set by Government for the completion of the international airport in Darbhanga; and
- (e) manner in which this international airport will benefit the region of Darbhanga and its surrounding areas, in terms of economic growth, tourism, and employment generation?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a) to (e): The Darbhanga Airport belongs to the Indian Air Force (IAF) and the Airports Authority of India (AAI) maintains an interim Civil Enclave at this airport. Declaration of an airport as an International Airport depends upon traffic potential, demand from airlines for the operation of international flights, and bilateral Air Services Agreement besides provision of Ground Lighting facilities, Instrument Landing System, runway length, Immigration, Health and Animal & Plant Quarantine services etc. Currently, no such proposal for declaration of Darbhanga Airport as an International Airport is under consideration in the Ministry of Civil Aviation.

However, considering the growth of passenger traffic in the region, AAI has undertaken the development of a new Civil Enclave at Darbhanga Airport at a cost of Rs. 911.66 crore. The timeline for completion of the airport projects depends upon many factors such as land acquisition, availability of mandatory clearances, financial closure etc.
