

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 4327
(To be answered on the 18th July 2019)

AFFORDABLE AIR TRAVEL

4327. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

जागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to make air travel affordable for common people, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
(b) the names of States where the said scheme is proposed to be implemented across the country particularly in Gaya district of Bihar?

ANSWER

Minister of State (IC) in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (स्वतंत्र प्रभार)

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(a): Ministry of Civil Aviation has launched the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) on 21-10-2016 to facilitate / stimulate regional air connectivity to currently underserved and unserved airports and making air travel affordable to the masses. Promoting affordability of regional air connectivity is envisioned under RCS - UDAN by supporting airline operators through (i) concessions by Central Government, State Governments and airport operators to reduce the cost of airline operations on regional routes and (ii) financial support (Viability Gap Funding) to meet the gap, if any, between the cost of airline operations and expected revenues on regional routes. RCS- UDAN is a market driven mechanism. Airlines undertake assessment of demand and nature of supply required on particular routes and participate in the transparent bidding process under RCS- UDAN from time to time.

(b): Except Goa, Mizoram, Chandigarh, Delhi, Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Lakshadweep, 30 States and Union Territories have signed the tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Ministry of Civil Aviation and Airports Authority of India for operationalization of RCS - UDAN flights in their respective States.

As per the provisions of RCS-UDAN, Gaya is a served airport and hence it is not covered under RCS-UDAN.
