

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 4328  
(To be answered on the 18<sup>th</sup> July 2019)**

**BIHAR UNDER UDAN YOJNA**

**4328. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH  
ALIAS LALAN SINGH  
SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR**

**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION**

**नागर विमानन मंत्री**

**be pleased to state:-**

- (a) whether the Government has proposed/proposes to connect the small cities in Bihar with air-service under UDAN Yojana and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether any time limit has been fixed to complete this scheme and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is proposing the revival and expansion of various existing airports in the small cities of Bihar at present;
- (d) if so, the names of the cities thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

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

**नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (स्वतंत्र प्रभार)**

**(Shri Hardeep Singh Puri)**

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**(a) and (b): A total of 27 Networks in first round of bidding, 90 Networks in second round of bidding and 95 Networks in third round of bidding were awarded under Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) involving 706 RCS routes. Following routes of Bihar were awarded to the Selected Airline Operator in second round of bidding under RCS-UDAN:**

- (i) Mumbai - Darbhanga - Mumbai**
- (ii) Delhi - Darbhanga - Delhi**
- (iii) Bangalore - Darbhanga - Bangalore**

**(c) to (e): Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved the proposal on 06 March, 2017 for revival of existing unserved / underserved airports / airstrips of the State Governments, Airports Authority of India and Civil Enclaves at an estimated cost of Rs. 4500 Crore. However, the revival of these unserved/underserved airports is 'demand driven', depending upon firm commitment from airline operators as well as from the State Governments for providing various concessions.**

**Darbhanga airport is owned by the Ministry of Defence and is being developed for civil operation. Flight operation will commence after the following works in progress are completed:-**

- 1.Strengthening of runway**
- 2.Construction of interim Terminal Building (ITB)**

**The works are likely to be completed by 31.12.2019. RCS flights are likely to commence subject to availability of RCS airport for commercial flight operation with B-737 (189 seats) type aircraft.**

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