

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 173  
(To be answered on the 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2023)**

**AIR CONNECTIVITY TO BHAGALPUR**

**173. SHRI GIRIDHARI YADAV**

**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION**

**नागर विमानन मंत्री**

**be pleased to state:-**

- (a) whether the holistic development of the silk industry in Bhagalpur has been affected due to lack of air service and if so, the details thereof;  
(b) whether the Government proposes to start air service from Bhagalpur under Greenfield Policy; and  
(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

**Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION**

**नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री**

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

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**(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 and make air travel affordable to the masses.**

**Presently, there is no proposal for green field airport at Bhagalpur. Bhagalpur airstrip in Bihar is available in the list of unserved airports in the UDAN document. None of the airline bidders has submitted a proposal to operate UDAN flights from Bhagalpur airstrip till the completion of four rounds of bidding.**

**However, if any airline submits a valid bid for operation of UDAN flights from Bhagalpur, under the forthcoming rounds of bidding, the same shall be considered as per the provisions of Scheme document.**

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