## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION LOK SABHA STARRED OUESTION NO.: 109

STARRED QUESTION NO.: 109 (To be answered on the 27<sup>th</sup> July 2023)

#### SABEYA AIRSTRIP UNDER UDAN

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## Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Sabeya (Hathua) airstrip located in Gopalganj district of Bihar is included in the routes awarded under UDAN Scheme and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the said Airstrip requires upgradation/development for commencement of UDAN operations and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is covered under the Revival of unserved and underserved airports Scheme;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government has encouraged the interested airlines based on their assessment of demand on particular routes to submit their proposals at the time of bidding under UDAN, and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### ANSWER

Minister of CIVIL AVIATION नागर विमानन मंत्री

(Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia)

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

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# STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 109 REGARDING "SABEYA AIRSTRIP UNDER UDAN" TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.07.2023

(a) to (f): Sabeya (Hathua) airstrip in Bihar is available in the list of unserved airports in the UDAN Document. UDAN is a demand-driven scheme, wherein airline operators assess the feasibility of operation on a particular route and bid under the scheme from time to time.

None of the airline bidders have submitted proposals to operate RCS flights from Sabeya (Hathua) airport till the completion of four rounds of bidding. As per the provisions of UDAN Scheme, revival / upgradation of unserved & underserved airports is carried after its identification through valid bids and award to the Selected Airline Operator (SAO).

If any airline submits a valid bid connecting Sabeya Airstrip for the operation of RCS flights in future rounds of UDAN, the same may be considered as per provisions of UDAN Scheme.

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