GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1328
(To be answered on the 27th July 2023)

REGIONAL AIR SERVICE FOR BIHAR

1328.   SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH
ALIAS LALAN SINGH

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

(a) whether the Union Government has received any proposal from State
Government of Bihar for development of Muzaffarpur, Darbhanga, Bhagalpur and Purnea Airports to start regional air services from there and if
so, the details thereof;
(b) whether Government has also received any proposal for development of
International Airport in Nalanda/Rajgir to provide Air services especially to
tourists; and
(c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION
(नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री)

(a) Development of New Civil Enclave at Darbhanga is being taken up
by the Airports Authority of India-AAI at a tentative cost of Rs. 912 crore for
which 52.65 acres of land has been handed over to AAI from Government of
Bihar. Development of New Civil Enclave at Purnea is being taken up by AAI
at a tentative cost of Rs. 424 crore. Government of Bihar acquired 52.48 acres
of land for developing this airport.

In the 2nd round of bidding under UDAN, Darbhanga airport has been
identified and developed for operation of RCS flights. Presently, flights
operating from Darbhanga are connected with Delhi, Mumbai, Bangalore,
Hyderabad and Kolkata.

Bhagalpur, Muzaffarpur and Purnea airports are included in the list of
unserved airports under UDAN Scheme. Interested airlines submit their
proposals to operate routes from and to unserved/underserved airports at the
time of bidding under UDAN. An airport which is included in the awarded
routes of UDAN and requires upgradation/development for commencement of operations, is developed under 'Revival of unserved and underserved airports' scheme.

No proposal for development of International Airport in Nalanda/Rajgir has been received.