

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 4903
(To be answered on the 25th March 2021)**

PATAHI AIRPORT

4903. SHRIMATI VEENA DEVI

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to start Patahi airport at Vaishali in Bihar;**
(b) if so, the details thereof; and
(c) 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)

(a) to (c): Ministry of Civil Aviation launched Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) on 21-10-2016 to stimulate regional air connectivity and making air travel affordable to the masses. RCS - UDAN is a market driven Scheme. The interested airlines based on their assessment of demand on particular routes submit their proposals at the time of bidding under RCS - UDAN from time to time.

Patahi airport at Vaishali in Bihar does not figure in the tentative list of unserved/underserved airports of RCS- UDAN Scheme document. If the Government of Bihar requests the Ministry of Civil Aviation for inclusion of Patahi airport in the RCS document, the same could be included for bidding by prospective airlines in future rounds of bidding.
