

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 654
(To be answered on the 4th February 2021)**

AIRPORT IN DARBHANGA

654. SHRI GOPAL JEE THAKUR

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether Darbhanga airport in Bihar is the most successful airport under the UDAN scheme and if so, the details thereof; and
(b) whether the Government proposes to develop Darbhanga airport as an international airport and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

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

नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (स्वतंत्र प्रभार)

(Shri Hardeep Singh Puri)

(a) & (b): Darbhanga was one of the significant unserved airports which have now been covered under the Regional Connectivity Scheme-UDAN. The Implementing Agency, Airports Authority of India (AAI), awarded routes from Darbhanga connecting to Delhi, Bangalore and Mumbai in 2nd round of bidding under UDAN to the Selected Airline Operator (SAO). UDAN flights have been commenced by the SAO on 8.11.2020.

Under UDAN, as many as 64,238 passengers have travelled on 369 flights operated in two months after the commencement of flights from Darbhanga airport. At present, there is no proposal to develop Darbhanga as an international airport.
