

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 2037
(To be answered on the 9th December 2021)**

AIR CONNECTIVITY IN ROHTAS, BIHAR

2037. SHRI MAHABALI SINGH

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

be pleased to state:-

- (a) the details of the number of cities in the country connected/being connected with air routes for the public;
- (b) whether the Government has any proposal under consideration for starting air connectivity at Sasaram (Rohtas) in Bihar; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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(a) to (c): 109 cities of the country are connected by scheduled domestic airline operators as per state wise connectivity of Winter Schedule-2021. Further, Ministry of Civil Aviation has launched Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS)-UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) on 21-10-2016 to enhance regional air connectivity from unserved and underserved airports in the country for making air travel affordable to the masses. Under RCS - UDAN, 948 valid routes have been awarded. Out of which, 395 Routes connecting 63 unserved and underserved airports including 6 Heliports & 2 water aerodromes have been operationalized.

RCS - UDAN is a market driven scheme. Interested airlines based on their assessment of demand on particular routes submit their proposals at the time of bidding under RCS - UDAN. Sasaram, Bihar is not available in the list of unserved Airports under RCS - UDAN. An airport which is included in the awarded routes of UDAN and requires upgradation / development for commencement of RCS operations, is developed under "Revival of unserved and underserved airports" scheme.