## **GOVERNMENT OF INDIA** MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.: 3678 (To be answered on the 24<sup>th</sup> March 2022)

## MILITARY AIRPORT IN PURNEA, BIHAR

SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR 3678.

## Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:-

(a) whether a military airport is operational in Purnea, Bihar since 1960 and if so, the details thereof:

(b) whether the Government has decided to open it for civil aviation services temporarily;

(c) if so, the details of the progress made in this regard; and

(d) the time by which civil aviation services are likely to be started from the said airport?

## ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION (GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)) नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री

(a): Purnea airport is an Air Force Station (AFS) owned and managed by the Indian Air Force (IAF).

<sup>(</sup>b) to (d): A joint feasibility study for the development of a Civil Enclave at AFS, Purnea at a cost of Rs.150 crore was conducted by the Airports Authority of India (AAI) and the IAF with representatives of the State Administration of Bihar and accordingly, a land requirement of 50 acre was projected to the State Government of Bihar. The completion of the project is dependent on various factors including the handing over of land free of cost and free from all encumbrances to AAI by the State Government of Bihar, various project clearances, financial issues etc.