

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 3219
(To be answered on the 4th August 2022)**

DARBHANGA AIRPORT

3219. SHRI GOPAL JEE THAKUR

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether Darbhanga airport is earmarked as the most successful airport under the UDAN scheme and if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether the Government is aware that passengers are facing a lot of difficulties in absence of basic infrastructure facilities including lack of passengers amenities and if so, the details thereof;
(c) the time by which the said problems are likely to be solved; and
(d) whether the Government has fixed any time-limit for the same and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री

(GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD))

(a): Yes, Sir. SpiceJet Ltd. commenced flights under the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) of the Ministry of Civil Aviation on 08.11.2020, connecting Darbhanga to Mumbai, Delhi and Bangalore with B-737(189-seater) type of aircraft. Darbhanga airport has become a regional hub with a Passenger Load Factor of more than 95% for flights. Moreover, the airport is also connected to Kolkata and Hyderabad through non-RCS routes.

(b) to (d): Airports Authority of India (AAI) has undertaken development of Darbhanga airport at a cost of Rs.120 crore. A pre-fabricated terminal building with basic facilities for passenger is available at Darbhanga Airport. Further, AAI has projected a land requirement of 78 acre to the State Government of Bihar for construction of Terminal Building, meeting operational requirements for installation of CAT-I lighting, car parking, offices etc. However, allotment of land from the State Government is awaited. Completion of development/upgradation works at an airport depend upon various factors viz. availability of land, commercial viability, socio-economic considerations, etc.

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