

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1092**  
ANSWERED ON 10/02/2025

**Special Package for Bihar**

1092. Shri Rajiv Pratap Rudy:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a meeting was held in Jaisalmer to discuss the forthcoming budget and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the State Government of Bihar submitted a memorandum during this meeting seeking a special package for Bihar and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that the Government has received a proposal for the construction of an international greenfield airport at Sonapur near Patna and if so, the details thereof, including the current status and progress of the proposal; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government to address the specific demands of Bihar in light of the proposals and memorandum submitted?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(Dr. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR)

(a) to (d): As part of pre-budget consultations, suggestions from various Stakeholders and State Governments (including Bihar) were received.

Considering the suggestions, Union Budget 2025-2026 has been presented in the Parliament on 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2025. It includes an announcement pertaining to development of airports in Bihar (*Para 68 of Budget speech*) as well as other development initiatives for the State.

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