

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 3345
(To be answered on the 20th March 2025)**

GREENFIELD AIRPORT IN BIHAR

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government has received any proposals for setting up of new Greenfield airports in Bihar and if so, the details thereof along with the progress made on the said proposals;**
- (b) the details of the funds allocated and utilised so far for the construction of new Greenfield airports;**
- (c) the stance of the Government regarding the district-wise land availability proposals received for Greenfield airports; and**
- (d) whether the Government has finalized the selection of suitable land and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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(a) to (d): Government of India (GoI) has formulated a Greenfield Airports (GFA) Policy, 2008 which provides guidelines, procedure and conditions for establishment of new Greenfield Airports in the country. As per the policy, if any airport developer including the State Government desires to develop an airport, they are required to identify a suitable site and get the Pre-feasibility Study conducted for construction of airport and submit a proposal to the Central Government for 'Site Clearance' followed by 'In-Principle' approval.

As per the GFA Policy, the responsibility for implementation of the Greenfield airport project including land acquisition, R&R, funding etc. lies with the concerned airport developer or the State Government, as the case may be.

Government of Bihar (GoB) vide their letter dated 24.01.2025 had submitted a proposal to Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) for grant of 'Site Clearance' for establishment of a Greenfield Airport at Rajgir in Bihar. However, the

proposal has been returned by MoCA vide letter dated 31.01.2025 with certain observations, requesting GoB to submit the duly filled Site Clearance application along with requisite documents.

Besides on the request of GoB, a team of AAI officials has carried out Site visit at Bhagalpur from 17th to 19th February, 2025 for Pre-feasibility Study regarding development of a Greenfield Airport there.

GoB, being the project proponent, is required to submit duly filled application seeking 'Site Clearance' for development of Greenfield Airport(s) in Bihar as per the GFA Policy.
