

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 3360
(To be answered on the 20th March 2025)**

DEVELOPMENT OF AIRPORTS IN BIHAR UNDER UDAN SCHEME

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government has received proposals to operationalize new air routes under the UDAN scheme in Bihar, particularly to connect West Champaran and if so, the details thereof along with the status of the said proposals;**
- (b) whether the Government has conducted any feasibility study for the development of Bettiah Airport in West Champaran and if so, the details thereof along with the findings of these studies; and**
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to expedite air connectivity in the region?**

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a) to (c): Bids have been received for routes connecting Purnea, Birpur, Saharsa, Bhagalpur, Munger, Muzaffarpur, Valmiki Nagar, Motihari, Raxaul, Madhubani and Chhapra airports in Bihar under the UDAN Scheme.

The State Government has given consent for the development of the airports namely Birpur, Saharsa, Munger, Muzaffarpur, Valmiki Nagar, Madhubani and Purnea under the Revival & Upgradation of unserved airstrips scheme to facilitate RCS flight operations. Raxaul airport is being developed by the State Government separately under an agreement with AAI.

The State Government of Bihar who owns Bettiah Airport has not submitted any request for a pre-feasibility study. Additionally, no airline bidder has submitted a proposal for the operation of RCS flights from Bettiah Airport during five rounds of bidding under the Scheme.
