

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
Lok Sabha**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 3129

(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 7th August 2025)

**DEVELOPMENT OF AIRPORTS IN BIHAR UNDER SPECIAL
PACKAGE**

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

be pleased to state:-

- (a) the details and current status of airports being developed under the Special Package for Bihar; and**
- (b) the details of the total funds spent so far on the development of airports in Bihar under the said Special Package?**

ANSWER

**Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION
(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)**

(a) & (b): The details of airports in Bihar being developed under the Special Package for Bihar, along with the funds spent, are given below:

(i). Construction of a Greenfield airport at Patna - Government of India (GoI) has formulated a Greenfield Airports (GFA) Policy, 2008 for development 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.;

Airports Authority of India (AAI) carried out the Pre-feasibility study for development of Greenfield airport at Sonpur in 2019, Rajgir in 2024 and Sultanganj in 2025. These study reports were sent by AAI to Government of Bihar (GoB) for appropriate decision.;

Subsequently, GoB submitted a proposal to MoCA for grant of 'Site Clearance' for proposed Greenfield Airport at Rajgir in January, 2025. However, the proposal has been returned by MoCA in January, 2025, requesting GoB to submit the duly filled Site Clearance application along with the requisite documents.;

At present, no proposal seeking site-clearance for the construction of a Greenfield Airport at or near Patna under GFA Policy, 2008 is pending with the GoI.

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However, a New Terminal Building has been constructed at the existing Patna Airport, which has been commissioned on 03.06.2025. An expenditure of Rs.1040.24 Crore has been incurred on expansion of Patna Airport so far. Further, AAI has undertaken the development of a Civil Enclave at Bihta Airport at an estimated cost of Rs.1413 crore. ;

(ii). Development of Civil Enclave at Purnea Airport - AAI has undertaken the construction of an interim Terminal Building at the Airport. As on date, an amount of Rs.18.25 Crore has been spent.;

(iii). Development of Gaya Airport - The construction of a New Terminal Building and extension of runway at Gaya Airport are contingent upon handing over the requisite land by the State Government to AAI. The construction of a control tower and expansion of apron at Gaya Airport have been completed at a cost of Rs.35.91 Crore.;

(iv). Development of Raxaul Airport - To facilitate operations of A320-type aircraft at Raxaul Airport, an additional land of 139 acres has been requested by AAI from the State Government.
