

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 887
(To be answered on the 24th July 2025)**

EXPANSION OF RAXAUL AIRPORT

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

- (a) the current status of land acquisition for the expansion of Raxaul Airport along with the total land area acquired so far for the said purpose;**
- (b) whether it is true that land belonging to approximately 400 raiyats (landholders) is being acquired for Raxaul Airport;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the procedure being followed by the Government to compensate the affected farmers and the number of the farmers who have been compensated so far;**
- (d) the time by which the Raxaul Airport is likely to be made operational under the UDAN scheme and the tentative date for the commencement of commercial flights from there; and**
- (e) whether the Government has conducted any assessment of the potential impact of the operationalization of Raxaul Airport on the economy and civic infrastructure of East Champaran and nearby border areas of Nepal and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a) to (c): The Raxaul airport belongs to the Airports Authority of India (AAI). Mutation of 209.471 acres of land has been done. AAI has requested an additional 139 acres of land from the State Government of Bihar to develop Raxaul Airport for the operation of A320-type aircraft, which is yet to be allotted. Land acquisition, if any, is to be done by the State Government.

(d) & (e): Raxaul airstrip in Bihar is included in the list of unserved airstrips under the UDAN scheme. During the UDAN 5.2 round, bids have been received for routes connecting Raxaul with 8-seater type of aircraft. Commencement of operations is subject to the readiness of the airport.

RCS-UDAN has provided an impetus to the economic development of remote regions and contributed to a more equitable and inclusive growth in economic activity across the country. It has provided a boost to the economy with enhanced connectivity to industrial hubs, tourist destinations and made trade more efficient. As per an ICAO study - "Economic benefits of civil aviation: ripples of prosperity", the output and employment multipliers of aviation are 3.25 and 6.10 respectively. This implies that every 100 Rupees spent on air transport contributes to 325 Rupees worth of benefits, and every 100 direct jobs in air transport result in 610 jobs in the economy as a whole.
