GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 4540
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 19th March 2026)

UDAN SCHEME FOR BIHAR

4540.   SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL
Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

be pleased to state:-

(a) the number of airports and routes operationalised under the UDAN scheme in Bihar, location-wise;

(b) whether the Government has provided financial support or subsidies to airlines and airport operators under the said scheme in Bihar since its inception and if so, the details thereof, yearwise;

(c) whether the Government has received any feedback, complaints or suggestions from passengers, State authorities or other stakeholders regarding the functioning of UDAN flights in Bihar and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to expand UDAN connectivity in Bihar, if so, the details thereof including the proposed new routes and airports and the expected timelines in this regard?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): Under the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS)-UDAN, in the State of Bihar a total of 21 routes have been operationalized, connecting the airports at Darbhanga and Purnea.
Airlines operating UDAN routes are provided Viability Gap Funding (VGF) to support operations on regional routes. An amount of Rs. 10.30 crore has been disbursed as VGF to airlines for RCS routes connecting Bihar under the UDAN scheme.

(c) & (d): The Ministry continues to engage with operators and incorporates feedback from airlines, State Governments, and airport operators to refine scheme provisions, improve route viability, and enhance participation.

The Government has recently announced the launch of the modified UDAN Scheme to increase regional connectivity to 120 new destinations across the country, and to cater to 4 crore passengers in the next 10 years. The scheme will also support helipads and smaller airports in hilly, aspirational and North East region districts.

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