

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Re.Revival of Raxaul Airport.

**DR. SANJAY JAISWAL (PASCHIM CHAMPARAN):** Madam, I would like to draw your urgent attention towards the non-operational Raxaul Airport in East Champaran district of North Bihar. As of now, there is no town in East and West Champaran districts of Bihar on any scheduled air service route.

It is pertinent to inform that the PM Package of Bihar in 2015 included Rs. 250 crore for the revival of Raxaul airport, which is still pending due to 121 acres of additional land required for the development of the airport from the State Government.

Presently, owing to the non-operational Raxaul airport, several traders, exporters and industrialists of North and West Bihar are facing a lot of difficulties and are eagerly waiting for revival of the 60 years old airport, which would play a pivotal role in shortening the distance of Patna, New Delhi and other important cities of India with the district.

I urge upon the Government to hasten its valiant efforts and to make the Raxaul Airport operational at the earliest keeping in view its strategic importance in the present scenario.