

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 2069
(To be answered on the 22nd September 2020)**

OPERATION OF AIRBUS FOR PASSENGERS

2069. SHRI GOPAL CHINNAYA SHETTY

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:-

- a) whether the Government has decided to operate airbus for passengers' convenience and saving time;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has decided to operate airbus from different places on the basis of the distance to be covered per hour; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof including the number of places selected out of it in Bihar?

ANSWER

Minister of State (IC) in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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(a) to (d): With repeal of Air Corporation Act in March, 1994, the Indian domestic aviation sector was deregulated. Airlines are now free to select any market and network they wish to service and operate. In this regard, Government has laid down Route Dispersal Guidelines, with a view to achieve better air connectivity to different regions in the country. It is however, up to the airlines to decide on operation of routes based on demand and commercial viability subject to compliance of Route Dispersal Guidelines issued by the Government.

Ministry of Civil Aviation has launched Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) on 21-10-2016 to stimulate regional air connectivity and making air travel affordable to the masses. RCS - UDAN is a market driven scheme. The interested airlines based on their assessment of demand on particular routes submit their proposals at the time of bidding under RCS - UDAN from time to time. In the second round of bidding under RCS - UDAN, Airports Authority of India (AAI), the Implementing Agency, awarded the following network to Selected Airline Operator (SAO) for starting air services from Darbhanga in Bihar:

1. Mumbai - Darbhanga - Mumbai
2. Delhi - Darbhanga - Delhi
3. Bengaluru - Darbhanga - Bengaluru
4. Amritsar - Patna - Amritsar
5. Varanasi - Patna
