

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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AIR SERVICE TO NEW CITIES

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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is contemplating to connect some new cities with air service in the wake of rapid economic growth in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, city-wise, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has any plan to connect Bhagalpur,Darbhanga,Muzaffarpur and Chhapra in the State of Bihar by air service;and
- (d) if so, the time by which it would be done?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION(SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) and (b): Government have issued Civil Aviation Requirements for scheduled regional air transport service with a view to promote air connectivity within a region,expand air travel services for Tier II and Tier III cities and between specific regions.There are four regions identified as North,South,West,East/North-East coinciding with the Flight Information Regions (FIRs) as defined by the Airports Authority of India(AAI).It is,however, up to the airlines to provide air services to specific places depending upon their traffic demand and commercial viability.

(c) and (d): The National Aviation Company of India Limited,presently, does not have any plans to introduce air services to/from Bhagalpur,Darbhanga,Muzaffarpur and Chhapra.