

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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AIRPORTS IN BIHAR
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether several airports in Bihar are lying closed;
- (b) if so, the details of such airports; and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to make them operational?

Answer

MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS & MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI)

(a) & (b) There are five airports belonging to Airports Authority of India (AAI) in the State of Bihar namely Gaya, Patna, Muzaffarpur, Jogbani and Raxaul airports. Of these, only Gaya and Patna airports are operational.

(c) Since, there is no traffic potential, commercial viability and firm commitment of airlines operators to operate through these three airports, therefore, at present, AAI does not have any proposal to operationalise these three airports.