

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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GAYA AIRPORT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Gaya Airport in Bihar is an International Airport and various International flights land/take off from there;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the above Airport is not connected with any domestic airport in the country;
- (d) whether the foreign tourists visiting there are facing a lot of difficulties as there is no air connectivity from other parts of the country;
- (e) if so, whether the Government propose to connect Gaya Airport with Delhi- Banaras- Nepal- Khajuraho air routes;and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) Gaya airport in Bihar is a Custom airport where scheduled as well as chartered international flights operate.
- (b), (c) , (d), (e) & (f) At present, Air India, Jet Airways, Thai Airways, Druk Airways, Mihin Lanka and Myanmar Airways operate scheduled flights connecting Gaya airport with various domestic and international destinations like Kolkata, Varanasi, Bangkok, Colombo, Paro and Yangoon. In addition, unlimited access has been granted to designated airlines of SAARC countries including Nepal (excluding Pakistan) to/from 18 tourist destinations in India including Gaya, Varanasi and Khajuraho. However, actual operations by any airlines to/ from any point of call is always guided by its commercial judgment.