

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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CIVIL FLIGHT OPERATIONS FROM DARBHANGA AIRPORT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there are no civil flight operations to and from Darbhanga Airport and the people of Darbhanga, Madhubani, Sharsia, Supaul, Atariya have to take flights from Patna Airport;
- (b) if so, whether the Government proposes to start civil flight operations to and from Darbhanga Airport;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which civil flight operations are likely to be started to and from this airport; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION (Dr. Mahesh Sharma)

(a) to (d) As per Winter Schedule- 2014, no schedule air services are available to/from Darbhanga airport. However, Scheduled domestic air service in the country has been deregulated. Government has laid down Route Dispersal Guidelines (RDGs) with a view to achieve better regulation of air transport services taking into account the need for air transport services of different regions of the country. It is, however, up to the airlines to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability. As such the airlines are free to operate anywhere in the country subject to compliance of RDGs issued by the Government.