

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 3751  
(To be answered on the 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2019)**

**NON-OPERATIONAL RAXAUL AIRPORT**

**3751. SHRI TEJ PRATAP SINGH YADAV**

**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION**

**नागर विमानन मंत्री**

**be pleased to state:-**

- (a) whether passengers have to either go to Kathmandu or Patna to catch flight because Raxaul Airport, Bihar has been lying non-operational;
- (b) if so, whether in a report prepared by Government, it is suggested to upgrade this airport under PPP model;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has any proposal to operationalise the Raxaul airport;
- (e) if so, the details thereof ;
- (f) whether there is urgent need to start air taxi service between Patna and Raxaul because Raxaul is the most important place for tourists on their way to Nepal; and
- (g) if so, the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

**ANSWER**

**Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION**

**नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री**

**(Shri Jayant Sinha)**

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- (a): Raxaul Airport is a non-operational airport belonging to Airports Authority of India (AAI). Patna, Gorakhpur and Kathmandu airports are located near Raxaul.
- (b): There is no plan to develop Raxaul airport under PPP model.
- (c): Does not arise.
- (d) to (g): Ministry of Civil Aviation has launched Regional Connectivity Scheme [Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik (UDAN)] in October, 2016 with the objective to facilitate/stimulate regional air connectivity to currently underserved and unserved airports by making it affordable. The revival of airstrips/airports is 'demand driven', depending upon firm commitment from airline operators as well as from the State Government for providing various concessions. Raxaul Airport has been included in the list of unserved airports for bidding under Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS)-UDAN. However, no bid has yet been received from any airlines to operate flight operation from Raxaul under RCS-UDAN.

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