

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 2840
(To be answered on the 5th August 2021)**

AIRPORT AT VALMIKINAGAR

2840. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the process of developing new airports in the country is in full swing;
- (b) whether there is any plan to develop the undeveloped airport in Valmikinagar as a full-fledged airport; and
- (c) if not, whether the Government proposes to take initiative in this regard to link Valmikingar with other parts of the country through air route?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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(GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD))

(a) to (c): Ministry of Civil Aviation launched Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) on 21-10-2016 to stimulate regional air connectivity and making air travel affordable to the masses. UDAN is a market driven scheme. The interested airlines based on their assessment of demand on particular routes submit their proposals at the time of bidding under UDAN from time to time. Valmikinagar airstrip, Bihar figures in the list of unserved airports in UDAN Scheme Document which are available for bidding by airlines. However, no bid/proposal has been received for operation of flights from Valmikinagar till four rounds of bidding under UDAN. An airport which is included in the awarded routes of UDAN and requires upgradation/development for commencement of UDAN operations is developed under "Revival of unserved and underserved airports" scheme.
