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Government Of Bihar
Civil Aviation Department

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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

The Civil Aviation Department, Government of Bihar invites **Expression of Interest (EOI)** from eligible helicopter operators for **providing Heli Tourism Services** at selected tourist destinations/routes in the State of Bihar.

Key Details

- **Nature of EOI:** Selection of operators for Heli Tourism services
- **Agreement Tenure:** 5 years (extendable by another 5 years on mutually agreed terms)
- **EOI Validity:** 30 days from date of issue

Eligibility (Indicative)

- Company/LLP/Partnership firm registered in India
- DGCA-approved operator with valid NSOP
- Minimum **5 years' helicopter operation experience** (at least one route/circuit)
- Average annual turnover of **₹5 Crore** during last three financial years
- No blacklisting / accident history in last 5 years
- Helicopter seating capacity minimum **6+1 / 5+2**

Important Dates

- **EOI Document Download:** From 24.01.2026 (02:00 PM)
- **Pre-EOI Meeting (Virtual):** 04.02.2026 (12:00 PM – 01:00 PM)
- **Last Date for Queries:** 03.02.2026 (04:00 PM)
- **Clarifications Issued:** 09.02.2026
- **Last Date for EOI Submission:** 25.02.2026 (04:00 PM)

Submission

- EOI must be submitted in **sealed cover**, superscribed **“Expression of Interest for Providing Heli Tourism Services in selected routes in Bihar”**, by Speed Post / Courier / Hand Delivery to:

**Secretary,
Civil Aviation Department,
Airport Road, Patna Airport,
Patna – 800014**

- Detailed EOI document can be downloaded from: <https://state.bihar.gov.in/cad/>
- Civil Aviation Department, Government of Bihar reserves the right to accept or reject any or all EOIs or cancel the process without assigning any reason.

(Signature)
(Secretary) 22/1/26

Civil Aviation Department
Government of Bihar



**Invitation : Expression of Interest for Providing Heli Tourism Services
in selected routes in Bihar.**

January, 2026

Issued by:

**Secretary,
Civil Aviation Department
Airport Road, Patna Airport,
Patna – 800014.**



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I. Disclaimer

This Expression of Interest (EOI) document has been prepared with adequate care. However, the Applicant should verify that the document is complete in all respects. Intimation of discrepancy (if any) should be given at below mentioned address:

To

Secretary,
Civil Aviation Department,
Airport Road, Patna Airport, Patna
Bihar-800014
Email: cadbihar@bihar.gov.in

Neither Civil Aviation Department, nor its employees will have any liability to any prospective applicant or any other person under the law of contract, for any loss, expense or damage which may arise from or be incurred or suffered in connection with anything contained in this EOI document. Civil Aviation Department reserves the right to accept or reject any EOI application. Civil Aviation Department also reserves the right to annul the process at any time without any liability.

IMPORTANT DATES AND INFORMATION

| Activity | Scheduled date |
|--|----------------------------------|
| Downloading of EOI document from department website (https://state.bihar.gov.in/cad/) | From 24.01.2026 at 02:00 PM |
| Meeting with operators for briefing the EOI. (Virtual) (Link will be shared) | 04.02.2026, 12:00 AM to 01:00 PM |
| Due date of receipt of queries through email (cadbihar@bihar.gov.in) | Upto 03.02.2026 at 4:00 PM |
| Clarification | 09.02.2026 |
| Due date for EOI document submission | Upto 25.02.2026 at 4:00 PM |

II. Tourism Development in Bihar

Bihar is renowned for its profound historical legacy, spiritual significance and cultural richness. As the land of **Lord Buddha, Lord Mahavira and Guru Gobind Singh Ji**, the State occupies a unique position on the global tourism map. Bihar is home to internationally acclaimed destinations such as **Bodh Gaya, Nalanda (a UNESCO World Heritage Site), Rajgir, Vaishali, Pawapuri, Patna Sahib, Vikramshila and Valmiki Tiger Reserve**, which collectively offer a diverse range of spiritual, heritage, eco-tourism and cultural experiences.

With its wealth of ancient universities, sacred sites, archaeological treasures, riverine landscapes, wildlife habitats and living traditions, Bihar possesses immense potential to emerge as a leading tourism destination for both domestic and international visitors, particularly in the segments of **Buddhist tourism, spiritual tourism, heritage tourism and eco-tourism**.

Tourism has been identified by the **Government of Bihar** as a key driver of **economic growth, employment generation and regional development**. The sector plays a vital role in empowering local communities, promoting entrepreneurship, supporting small and medium enterprises, preserving cultural heritage and fostering sustainable development. Accordingly, tourism development is being accorded high priority through focused policy interventions, infrastructure creation and destination-based planning.

In recent years, Bihar has witnessed a steady growth in tourist footfall, especially in religious and Buddhist circuits, attracting visitors from across India as well as from East and South east Asia. In response to changing tourist expectations, increasing demand for experiential and time-efficient travel and the need to enhance destination accessibility, the State is exploring innovative and premium modes of connectivity.

The Government of Bihar is promoting the development of **thematic tourism circuits and anchor destinations**, supported by improved infrastructure, streamlined approval mechanisms, inter-departmental coordination and investor-friendly facilitation. Emphasis is also being placed on sustainable tourism practices, environmental conservation, safety standards and quality visitor experience.

In this context, **Helicopter Tourism Services (Heli-Tourism)** are envisaged as a transformative enabler to:

- Enhance last-mile connectivity to key tourist destinations
- Reduce travel time between important tourism hubs
- Offer premium and experiential tourism products
- Improve access for senior citizens, international tourists and high-value visitors
- Support emergency response and tourism-linked services

By leveraging helicopter services as part of its tourism development strategy, Bihar aims to unlock the full potential of its iconic destinations, promote balanced regional growth and strengthen its position as a globally significant spiritual and heritage tourism destination.

This initiative is expected to contribute significantly to **economic development, employment creation, cultural exchange and enhanced global visibility**, while ensuring that tourism growth remains **safe, sustainable and well-regulated**.

III. Purpose of Expression of Interest

In view of the increased interest from Tourists/ Operators for Providing Heli Tourism Services in selected routes in Bihar at various prominent tourist locations in the state due to the diverse geographical land scape and variety of tourism products that the State has to offer, from all over the country and the world.

Agreement Tenure: 5 years from the date of appointment/agreement for commercial operations and further extension will be given for another 5 years on mutual agreed terms and conditions between the Civil Aviation Department & the Operator.

A. Eligibility Criteria

- i. The Applicant shall register as a company incorporated under the Companies Act, 2013 or a Limited Liability Partnership (LLP) registered under the LLP Act 2008, or a Partnership Firm shall be registered under the Indian Partnership Act, 1932.
- ii. The Applicant must have completed Helicopter operations at least in 1(one) routes / circuit in the last 5 years with 2 hrs at a stretch.
- iii. The Applicant must have operated minimum 3 Type of services and handled a minimum passenger volume of 5K passenger
- iv. The Applicant must have an average turnover of Rs.5Cr during last 3 financial year (2023-24, 2024- 25 and 2025-26)
- v. The Applicant must be approved with the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), Government of India
- vi. Non-Scheduled Operator's Permit (NSOP) and other relevant permits / licenses / authorizations to carry out Helicopter Operations
- vii. Valid Certificate of Airworthiness issued by DGCA for each of the Helicopter that shall be deployed by the applicant
- viii. DGCA acceptance letter of the latest Safety Management System Manual submitted by the applicant

B. Infrastructure Support

Civil Aviation Department shall develop the required helipad infrastructure and the associated costs will be recovered through ticketing revenue.

C. Supporting Document

- i. Audited balance sheet sand CA certificate of last three financial years.
- ii. Incorporation Certificate/ Details of legal status of the organization /agency.
- iii. Work orders/ letters of conducting Joy Rides/ Experience certificate.
- iv. Copy of DGCA Approval

- v. Copy of Non-Scheduled Operator's Permit (NSOP) and other relevant permits/licenses/authorizations to carry out Helicopter Operations
- vi. Valid Certificate of Airworthiness issued by DGCA for each of the Helicopter that shall be deployed by the Applicant
- vii. DGCA acceptance letter of the latest Safety Management System Manual submitted by the applicant

Note:-

- a. Only those applicants who have participated in this EOI and have been found eligible shall be allowed to participate in the subsequent RFP stage. This is a closed two-stage process.
- b. Consortium /JV is allowed.
- c. Agency should not be blacklisted by any State/ Central Government as on date of submission of the bid. A self-declaration to be submitted.
- d. No incident/ accident history in the last 5 years
- e. Helicopter should have a minimum of seating capacity of 6+1/5+2
- f. The EoI is valid for 30 days from the date of issue of the notification
- g. Before submitting EOI, operator shall conduct a Safety and Feasibility Assessment, Prepare and submit a Pre-Feasibility Report including as mentioned in Annexure 4.

I. Dispute Settlement:

In the event of any dispute or difference between the Civil Aviation Department, Govt. of Bihar and the Operator, such disputes or differences shall be resolved amicably by mutual consultation. If such resolution is not possible, then the unresolved dispute or difference shall be referred to arbitration of the sole arbitrator to be appointed by VC & Secretary, Civil Aviation Department, Govt. of Bihar. The provision of Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 (No.26 of 1996) as amended in 2015 shall be applicable to the arbitration. The Venue of such arbitration shall be at Patna. The language of arbitration proceedings shall be English. The arbitrator shall make a reasoned award (the "Award"), which shall be final and binding to Civil Aviation Department, Govt. of Bihar and the operator. The cost of the arbitration shall be shared equally by the Civil Aviation Department, Govt. of Bihar and Operator. However, expenses incurred by each party in connection with the preparation, presentation shall be borne by the party itself.

(ii) Pending the submission of and / or decision on a dispute, difference or claim or until the arbitral award is published; the Civil Aviation Department, Govt. of Bihar and the Operator shall continue to perform all of their obligations under this Agreement without prejudice to a final adjustment in accordance with such award.

Jurisdiction: All disputes are subject to the jurisdiction of courts in Patna only.

II. Submission of Expression of Interest

a) Documents Check list:

The following is the list of documents to be submitted as a part of the EOI:

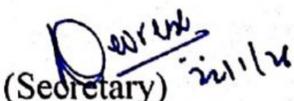
- Letter of Application (Annexure1)
- Self-Declaration (Annexure2)
- Experience (Annexure3)
- Pre-Feasibility report for the adventure activity (Annexure4)
- Undertaking for Not being Debarred/Not Blacklisted (Annexure 5)
- Queries format-Annexure-6
- EoI & Addendums/ Corrigendum shall be duly Signed with seal at the bottom of each and every page

b) Method of physical submission of Documents:

Sealed Cover: The operator shall include all the documents as mentioned above with attachments into a sealed cover super scribed with "Expression of Interest for Providing Heli Tourism Services in selected routes in Bihar." along with name, contact numbers and address of the operator. It should be sent through speed Post/ Courier/ Hand delivery as on date or before mentioned in Disclaimer. The agency shall ensure that courier shall reach within the prescribed date & time to the to the below mentioned address.

Address: Secretary, Civil Aviation Department, Airport Road, Patna, Bihar- 800014,

Email: cadbihar@bihar.gov.in


(Secretary) 22/1/24
Civil Aviation Department
Govt. of Bihar

ANNEXURES & FORMATS

Annexure1: Letter of Application

Date: _____

To,

Secretary,
Civil Aviation Department,
Airport Road, Patna Airport,
Patna,
Bihar-800014
Email: cadbihar@bihar.gov.in

Subject: "Expression of Interest for Providing Heli Tourism Services in selected routes in Bihar."

Respected Sir,

In response to your invitation for Expression of Interest for the captioned subject matter, we submit our EOI in the prescribed format.

Accordingly, we have submitted the details enclosed to this letter.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

(Name, Signature)

Address of Communication

Annexure2: Self-Declaration

I _____ do solemnly state that:

1. I commit to not exceeding the recommended capacity of the equipment.
2. I will conduct Heli Tourism activity exclusively within the zones authorized by the competent authority, as specified from time to time.
3. I will faithfully execute the approved activity in accordance with the stipulations outlined in this guidelines.
4. I will comply with all directives issued by the competent authority as they arise.
5. I will ensure that my/our clients are equipped with the necessary safety gear before commencing the activity.
6. I affirm that the guides/instructors I employ for adventure activity operations possess the requisite educational qualifications, professional certifications, and practical experience to serve as professional guides for the specified adventure activities.
7. I will undertake activities strictly within the designated zones as determined and will follow all instructions provided by the competent authority on an ongoing basis.
8. I acknowledge that any breach of these guidelines or submission of false information or misrepresentation may result in appropriate action by Civil Aviation Department, Govt. of Bihar against me.

Signature:

Name of the Entity

Authorized Representative:

Designation:

Annexure3: Experience Details

Previous experience in development of Heli Tourism activity:

| S. No. | Particulars | Details |
|--------|--------------------------------|---|
| 1 | Name of the Adventure activity | |
| 2 | Details of the activity | Location of the Activity: Duration of the Activity (mention the start date and end date): Details of the Activity (mention details of manpower, equipment, capacity etc): |
| 3 | Location, State, Country | |

Note: Attach the experience certificates and related documents

Annexure4: Pre-Feasibility report for proposed activity

The Applicant shall submit pre-feasibility report for proposed activities along with location including:

1. Proposed Location:
2. Estimated cost of each activity:

| S No | Name of Activity | No. of Units | Cost |
|------|------------------|--------------|------|
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3. Area of Operation

| S No | Name of Activity | No. of Units | Cost |
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4. Safety Compliances:
5. Environmental/ Terrain/ Soil/ consideration or any modifications required for successful operations:
6. The operator shall detail out all the pre-requisites for successful functioning of commercial operations:

Signature:

Name of the Entity

Authorized Representative:

Designation:

Annexure5: Undertaking for Not being Debarred/ Not Blacklisted

(Duly Notarized)
(On non-judicial stamp paper)

I do hereby undertake and confirm that any Central/ state government/ public sector undertaking or any other Organization applicable for all Ministries have not banned/ debarred business with us as on the date of EoI submission. Also, any work executed by us has not been rescinded/ terminated after award/ allocation of any work to us during the last five Financial Year (from the last day of the previous month of submission) due to our non- performance.

In case at a later date the undertaking is found to be false or incorrect, Civil Aviation Department, Govt. of Bihar shall have the right to terminate the Registration.

Stamp & Signature of Authorized Signatory Note:

The undertaking shall be signed by authorized signatory of the applicant

Annexure6: Queries format

| S.No. | Clause No. | Page No. | Content of EoI Requiring Clarification | Change Requested/Clarification Required |
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