

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 1282
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 13th March 2023)**

AVIATION SKILL DEVELOPMENT CENTRES

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:-

- (a) the number and details of Aviation Skill Development Centres established in last five years, year-wise, State-wise;
- (b) whether Government is planning to establish more Aviation Skill Development Centres, if so, details thereof with timeline and if not, reasons therefor;
- (c) the number of personnel trained in Aviation Skill Development Centres in last five years, year-wise, State-wise;
- (d) the details of the funds allocated and utilized under Aviation Skill Development Centres in last five years, year-wise, State-wise; and
- (e) the details of the steps taken by Government for overall development of aviation skills sets required in last five years, year-wise, State-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

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

a) There are 3 (Three) Air Traffic Services Training Organisation (ATSTO) viz. (i) CATC, Prayagraj (U.P.) (ii) HTC, Hyderabad (Telangana) (iii) NIATAM, Gondia (Maharashtra), under the control of Airports Authority of India (AAI) for the training of Air Traffic Management (ATM) personnel which are duly approved by DGCA.

AAI in-association with National Skill Development Centre (NSDC) and Aerospace & Aviation Sector Skill Council (AASSC) has set up Aviation Skill Centres at Chandigarh and Mumbai for the F.Y. 2017-18 and 2018-19 respectively to augment the availability of Skilled Manpower in Aviation Sector and has identified following job roles for imparting the training:

- (i) Airline Customer Service Executive
- (ii) Airline Reservation Agent
- (iii) Airline Cargo Assistant

- (iv) Airline Ramp executive
- (v) Airline Flight Load Controller
- (vi) Airline Security Executive
- (vii) Airport X Ray qualified Staff
- (viii) Airport Facility Services
- (ix) Airline Baggage Handler

(b) Currently, there is no proposal in government from any concerned organisation/state for setting up more such centres.

(c) Number of Air Traffic Control Officers (ATCOs) trained at 3 ATSTO under the control of AAI is at Annexure 1

Number of personnel trained in last 5 years in Aviation Skill Development Centres is as follows:-

Program	No. of Personnel Trained
Aviation Multi Skill Development Centre, Chandigarh (NSDC)	1481
Aviation Skill Development Centre, Mumbai (NSDC).	720

(d) Details of the funds allocated [Revised Estimates of Revenue & Operational Expenditure Budget) and Actual Expenditure as Per books of accounts under Skill Development Centres in last five years, year-wise, state-wise is at Annexure-2.

Details of the funds allocated and utilized under Aviation Skill Development Centres is as follows:-

Program	Allocated (Rs. In Cr.)	Utilized (Rs. In Cr.)
Aviation Multi Skill Development Centre, Chandigarh (NSDC)	5.25	3.22
Aviation Skill Development Centre, Mumbai (NSDC).	2.00	0.60

(e) The other initiatives taken by the Government for skill development in civil aviation sector include the following:

- (i) In order to augment the supply of trained pilots in the country, the Airports Authority of India (AAI) has brought out a liberalised Flying Training Organisation (FTO) policy whereby the concept of airport royalty (revenue share payment by FTOs to AAI) has been abolished and land rentals have been significantly rationalised.
- (ii) In 2021, after a competitive bidding process, AAI awarded nine FTO slots at five airports at Belagavi (Karnataka), Jalgaon (Maharashtra), Kalaburagi (Karnataka), Khajuraho (Madhya Pradesh) and Lilabari (Assam). In June 2022, under second round of bidding, six FTO slots were awarded by AAI at five airports namely: two slots at Bhavnagar (Gujarat), and one each at Hubballi (Karnataka), Kadappa (Andhra Pradesh), Kishangarh (Rajasthan) and Salem (Tamil Nadu).
- (iii) DGCA has introduced Online-On Demand Examination (OLODE) for the Aircraft Maintenance Engineers (AME) and Flying Crew (FC) candidates with effect from November 2021. This facility allows candidates to choose the date and time from the available exam slots.
- (iv) DGCA has modified its regulations to empower Flying Instructors with the right to authorise flight operations at FTOs. This was hitherto restricted to the Chief Flying Instructor (CFI) or Deputy CFIs only.
- (v) The DGCA approves Drone Training Schools as per the Drone Rules 2021. Under these Rules, currently, 48 drone training schools have been approved for providing drone training/skilling across the country. Till date, these training schools have certified 3340 drone pilots.

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Number of Air Traffic Control Officers (ATCOs) trained at 3 Training Centres of AAI year-wise

ATSTO	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023*
CATC, PRAYAGRAJ	174	415	408	180	362
HTC, HYDERABAD	107	**	80	16	119
NIATAM, GONDIA	144	**	115	14	143

Source:- Airports Authority of India (AAI)

*Data contains the no. of ATCOs trained as well as no. of ATCOs undergoing training/nominated as on 06th March 2023.

** The training of ATCOs started but discontinued due outbreak of COVID-19 and completed in the year 2021.

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Details of the funds allocated (Revised Estimates of Operational & Revenue Expenditure Budget) and Actual Expenditure in respect of Aviation Skill Development Centres for last five years

(Rs. in crores)

Skill Development Centre	2017-18		2018-19		2019-20		2022-21		2021-22	
	Allocated (Revised Estimates)	Actual Expenditure								
NIATAM	6.75	3.09	5.71	4.38	8.24	6.39	6.20	4.66	4.82	4.17
Hyderabad Training Centre.	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	1.47	2.92	6.92	6.23	6.63	6.24
CATC	60.94	63.85	76.40	66.48	65.50	83.90	84.70	62.70	69.19	60.37

Source:- Airports Authority of India (AAI)
