

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 345**  
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023)

**EMPLOYMENT IN THE DRONE INDUSTRY**

345. SMT VANDANA CHAVAN

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

- (a) the number of jobs created in the drone industry so far;
- (b) whether the high cost of homegrown drones as compared to international standards, is the reason for the low adoption and jobs in the sector; and
- (c) whether Government is implementing any schemes for skilling of drone operators so as to make it affordable and accessible to all?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

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

- (a) The drone industry in the Country is nascent at this stage and no data on job creation has been collected at the central level.
- (b) Various Government and private sector organizations are procuring drone and drone services on a large scale with no such reported challenges in procurement.
- (c) The DGCA approves Drone Training Schools as per the Drone Rules 2021. Under these Rules, currently, 44 drone training schools have been approved for providing drone training / skilling across the country. Till date, these training schools have certified 2521 drone pilots.

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