

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 819**  
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023)

**FLYING TRAINING INSTITUTE (FTI) AT KADAPA AIRPORT**

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

- (a) whether Flying Training Institute (FTI) has been approved in Kadapa Airport in Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the above FTI has started functioning;
- (d) whether it is a fact that training costs of aviation courses, particularly courses relating to pilot, are very high; and
- (e) if so, the efforts being made by Government to bring down costs of aviation courses in view of huge demand for pilots in aviation sector?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

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

(a) to (c) In June 2022, after a competitive bidding process, AAI has awarded one FTO slot at Kadapa (Andhra Pradesh). The FTO is under process of construction and fulfilling other requirements for commissioning.

(d) The aviation courses, particularly the flying training course for getting a Commercial Pilot License (CPL) is highly technical. The cost of training is determined by the following factors among others:-

- (i) Cost of fuel (AvGas 100LL) used in aircraft.
- (ii) Most of the aircraft and spare parts used in the country for training are manufactured abroad and hence, expensive
- (iii) Imported flight simulators for training .

(e)The steps taken by the Government to reduce the cost of aviation courses are as follows:-

- (i) Ministry of Civil Aviation has approved liberalised Flying Training

Organisation (FTO) guidelines wherein the concept of airport royalty (revenue share payment by FTOs to AAI) has been abolished and land rentals have been significantly rationalised. Further, no additional charges shall be levied from FTOs over and above the Lease Fee or Concession Fee, whichever is higher.

(ii) GST on Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) has been reduced from 18% to 5 %.

(iii) Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) started production of AvGas at Koyali Refinery at Vadodara (Gujarat).

(iv) In 2021 and 2022, AAI awarded fifteen FTO slots at ten airports, out of which seven FTO slots are operational. Setting up of these new FTOs will increase training capacity leading to reduced training costs.

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