

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
Rajya Sabha
STARRED QUESTION NO. : 26
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 5th February 2024
PROMOTION OF AEROMODELLING AS HOBBY SPORTS

26. SHRI SANJEEV ARORA

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

- (a) whether Government intends to promote aeromodelling as a hobby or sport, considering its global popularity and participation in over 50 countries;
- (b) whether Government will adopt a favourable policy to encourage aeromodelling as a hobby or sport given the safety advantages of aeromodelling over drones/UAVs, with limited flight range and constant pilot supervision; and
- (c) whether Government plans to facilitate the import and manufacturing of aeromodelling parts and equipments with the country emerging as the third-largest domestic aviation market globally?

ANSWER

Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia)

A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO THE RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 26
'PROMOTION OF AEROMODELLING AS HOBBY/SPORTS' DUE FOR ANSWER ON
05TH FEBRUARY 2024.**

(a) to (c): Yes. The Government has introduced National Air Sports Guidelines (NASG) 2023 to promote aero sports and aeromodelling has been included as an air sport.

The National Air Sports Guidelines enable adoption of international standards and good practices in safety, air sports infrastructure, equipment, operations, maintenance and training. Apart from this, National Air Sports Guidelines (NASG) 2023 seek to develop a simple, stakeholder-friendly, transparent, accountable and effective governance structure.

The guidelines outline key objectives that include promotion of design, development and manufacturing of air sports equipment in India in line with the Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan