

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO : 89
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 28th July 2025)**

OBJECTIVES OF AVIATION CAREER GUIDANCE PROGRAMME

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

- (a) the total number of schools and students the Ministry aims to reach under the Aviation Career Guidance Programme;
- (b) the steps being taken to ensure equitable access to aviation careers for women, SC/ST, economically weaker students;
- (c) the estimated number of jobs likely to be created in the aviation sector over the next decade;
- (d) the manner in which the programme prepares students for these opportunities;
- (e) the number of Gujarat-based institutions that have partnered under this initiative; and
- (f) whether there are any aviation training hubs planned specifically for tier-2 cities in the State of Gujarat?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu)

A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (F) IN RESPECT OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 89 FOR REPLY ON 28.07.2025 REGARDING OBJECTIVES OF AVIATION CAREER GUIDANCE PROGRAMME BY SHRI KESRIDEVSINH JHALA

(a) Hon'ble Prime Minister announced the development of career coaching facilities for school students aspiring to become pilots. In pursuance of the said announcement, the Ministry of Civil Aviation launched the Aviation Career Guidance Programme (ACGP) on 09.04.2025 to create awareness on pursuing various professional careers, including Commercial Pilot License, in the aviation sector among the aspiring young students. Presently, 05 schools and around 550 students have been covered under Aviation Career Guidance Programme. Subsequently, Ministry of Civil Aviation is coordinating with relevant stakeholders for administration of ACGP like Flying Training Organisations (FTOs).

(b) The Ministry of Civil Aviation supports aviation education through Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Udan Akademi (IGRUA) and Rajiv Gandhi National Aviation University (RGNAU). Both institutions follow Government of India norms for reservation and fee concessions. RGNAU provides a 10% tuition fee waiver for women and IGRUA provides reservations and relaxation for CPL and AME courses. Notably, 15% of pilots in India are women, nearly three times the global average. Aviation careers are facilitated by multiple stakeholders, including private FTOs, AME institutes, ATOs, airlines, airports, and State Governments.

(c) The number of jobs likely to be created in the aviation sector over the next decade is intrinsically linked to the growth trajectory of the sector, driven by factors such as increasing air passenger traffic, expansion of airline fleets, development of airports, and enhancement of support infrastructure such as Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO), cargo handling, and training institutions.

(d) and (e) The ACGP offers counseling sessions by aviation professionals to Class 11 and 12 students, providing industry insights, career guidance, and information on qualifications and requirements. It also helps students self-assess and identify suitable aviation career paths.

(f) There is no such proposal under consideration of Ministry of Civil Aviation.
