

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 42  
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025)**

**STATUS OF MANPOWER INVOLVED IN AIR TRAFFIC  
MANAGEMENT**

42.       SHRI A. A. RAHIM

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

- (a) the total sanctioned strength of Air Traffic Controllers (ATCOs) and other technical personnel engaged in Air Traffic Management;
- (b) the current number of vacancies in these positions, by State/region;
- (c) the number of ATCOs and technical staff recruited during the last three years, with details of permanent versus contract appointments; and
- (d) whether there are airports or regions currently functioning with staffing levels below internationally recommended norms for air traffic control, and if so, the number of such facilities and corrective steps taken?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

- (a): Air Traffic is managed by Airports Authority of India through a total sanctioned strength of 5537 Air Traffic Controllers (ATCOs).
- (b): The total vacancies of ATCOs is 1243 with 391 vacancies in Northern Region, 326 vacancies in Southern Region, 282 vacancies in Western Region, 196 vacancies in Eastern Region and 48 vacancies in North-eastern Region.
- (c): In the last three years (i.e. in recruitment years 2022, 2023 , 2024), a total of 1252 ATCOs have been recruited against permanent posts.
- (d): ATCO deployment is being done as per the Directorate General of Civil Aviation - Civil Aviation Requirements (CAR) on Watch Duty Time Limitations (WDTL) which is as per international norms and also as per air traffic volume at airports so as to ensure efficient air traffic management.

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