

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 1605  
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 15<sup>th</sup> December 2025)**

**AEROMEDICAL INFRASTRUCTURE FOR PILOTS**

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

- (a) whether Government has given approval for empanelment of new Aeromedical Evaluation centres to enhance pilot medical examination capacity;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the manner in which Government will ensure that all existing and newly-approved centres meet the stringent DGCA and ICAO medical-evaluation requirements consistently across the country; and
- (d) the details of specific measures being taken to streamline the certification process and reduce administrative delays thereby mitigating potential pilot shortages?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a) & (b): Yes, Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has approved empanelment of 04 new private Aeromedical Evaluation Centres (AME).

Now, a total of 10 Private AME centres are operational.

(c): Compliance with the stringent DGCA and ICAO medical-evaluation requirement is ensured by conducting surveillance, regulatory audits and surprise checks on a regular basis.

(d): DGCA has taken significant steps in the recent past to streamline the certification process such as waiving off requirement of DGCA issued medical assessment for each medical examination, empanelment of more DGCA Medical Examiners and issuance of medical assessments of all the operational pilots of various airlines/ operators on priority, to mitigate pilot shortage.

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