

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
**RAJYA SABHA**

**STARRED QUESTION NO. : 25**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 2nd February 2026

**PILOT TRAINING CAPACITY AND PILOT SHORTAGE IN THE  
COUNTRY**

25. SHRI S NIRANJAN REDDY

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

- (a) the number of Commercial Pilot Licences (CPLs) issued during the last five years and the present pilot-to-aircraft ratio across Indian airlines;
- (b) whether it is a fact that nearly 40 per cent of Indian commercial pilots undergo training abroad, indicating inadequate domestic pilot training capacity, and if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the number, capacity, and geographical distribution of DGCA-approved pilot training institutes and flight training organisations (FTOs) in the country; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government to expand world-class pilot training infrastructure, reduce dependence on foreign training, ensure affordability, and address the anticipated pilot shortage in the coming decade?

**ANSWER**

Minister of CIVIL AVIATION (Shri Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu)

(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (D) IN RESPECT OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 25 FOR REPLY ON 02.02.2026 REGARDING PILOT TRAINING CAPACITY AND PILOT SHORTAGE IN THE COUNTRY BY SHRI S NIRANJAN REDDY

(a) The number of CPLs issued in the last 5 years are 6,648. Present overall pilot to aircraft ratio across Indian airlines is 8.4.

(b) Since year 2016, approximately 40 percent of CPLs have been issued to cadets trained from foreign institutes. The choice of training organization is dependent on multitude of factors viz. type of aircraft, duration of training, employment aspects and financial considerations. The training capacity at Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) approved Flying Training Organisations (FTOs) is adequate in terms of training infrastructure available at these FTOs. As on 22nd January 2026, there are 40 DGCA approved FTOs with 385 trainer aircraft available with them for imparting training to students.

Civil Aviation Requirement (CAR) Section 7, Series D, Part I stipulates Aircraft: Instructor:Student ratio as 1:1:10 which corresponds to training capacity of approximately 3500 students at these FTOs at any given point of time.

(c) List of DGCA Approved Training Organizations (ATO) is attached as Annexure I. Further, there are 40 DGCA approved FTOs with 62 bases across country. The list is attached as Annexure II.

(d) As an ongoing effort towards outflow retention, cost competitiveness and matching the anticipated capacity demand, the Ministry has undertaken various regulatory reforms in pilot training namely:-

i) Implementation of the ranking framework to improve the quality, safety, and efficiency of pilot training in India, while fostering a performance-driven and transparent training ecosystem.

ii) Induction of 61 aircraft by FTOs in 2025 for expanding pilot training infrastructure in the country, bringing the total trainer aircraft tally to 385, till date, across Indian FTOs.

iii) Revision to Civil Aviation Requirements (CAR) Section 7, Series 'I', Part-V (Issue-II, Rev 08 Dt. 3rd January 2025), Designated Examiner's Manual, Flight Training Circular (FTC) 01 of 2025 to enhance training quality, standardize benchmarks and optimize capacity.

iv) Ministry of Civil Aviation approved the Liberalized FTO Policy for improved operational viability and capacity of FTOs.

Ministry of Civil Aviation is committed towards development of a world-class pilot training ecosystem in the country.

**ANNEXURE I****ANNEXURE IN REPLY TO RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 25  
DUE FOR ANSWER ON 02.02.2026****LIST OF GOVERNMENT DGCA APPROVED ATOS**

S. No.	Approved ATO	Location(s)	Approved Aircraft / Helicopter
1	AAG Center for Aviation	Chennai	A320
2	Boeing Singapore	Singapore	B737 MAX, B777, B787
3	FSTC	Gurugram & Hyderabad	A320, B737-NG, Q400, ATR-72 (600)
4	CSTPL	Greater Noida, Gurugram & Bengaluru	A320, B737-NG
5	Airbus	New Delhi	A320
6	CTE, Air India	Mumbai, Hyderabad & Gurugram (TRG)	A320, B777, B787, ATR-72 (600)
7	Hats-Off Helicopter Training	Bengaluru	Dauphin (AS365), Bell-412, Dhruv

Source: Directorate General of Civil Aviation

**ANNEXURE II**

**ANNEXURE IN REPLY TO RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 25  
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**LIST OF GOVERNMENT DGCA APPROVED FTOS**

<b>State</b>	<b>Name of the FTOs</b>	<b>Location of Flying Bases</b>
Andhra Pradesh	Flytech Aviation Academy	1. Nagarjuna Sagar Airfield. Guntur
Assam	Redbird Flight Training Academy Pvt. Ltd.	2. Lilabari Airport district North Lakhimpur
Bihar	Bihar Flying Institute	3. Government of Bihar Cabinet Secretariate Civil Aviation Directorate, Patna Airport, Patna
Gujarat	Blue Ray Aviation Pvt .Ltd.	4. BRAPL Hangar, ONGC Nagar, Mehsana
	Skynex Aero Pvt. Ltd.	5. Skynex Hangar, ONGC Nagar, Mehsana
	Dunes Aviation Academy (A Unit of Ganpat Care Foundation).	6. GCF Hangar, Bhavnagar Airport, Bhavnagar
	The Gujarat Flying Club	7. Civil Aerodrome, Harni Road, Vadodara (currently non- operational) 8. Amreli Airstrip, Amreli
	Vision Flying Training Institute	9. VFTI Hangar, Amreli Airport, Chital Road, Amreli
Haryana	FSTC Flying School Pvt. Ltd.,	10. Chaudhary Bansi Lal Airport, SH-16A Village Gujrani, Bhiwani 11. Narnaul Airstrip, Haryana
	Haryana Institute of Civil Aviation	12. Civil Aerodrome, Kunjpura Road, Karnal 13. Civil Aerodrome, Hisar (currently non-operational) 14. Civil Aerodrome , Pinjore
	Alchemist Aviation Pvt. Ltd.,	15. Sonari Aerodrome, Jamshedpur
Jharkhand	Jharkhand Flying Institute	16. Jharkhand Flying Institute Dumka Airport, Dumka, Santhal Pargana Dumka
	Asia Pacific Flight Training Academy Ltd.	17. Kalaburagi Airport, Gulbarga
Karnataka	Aviation Connectivity and Infrastructure Developers Pvt. Ltd.	18. Old Technical Block, Ground Floor and 1st Floor (Old MET Office), Old Technical Block, Dharwad
	Govt. Flying Training School	19. Jakkur Aerodrome, Bangalore (currently non-operational/validity of approval lapsed)
	Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Uran Akademi	20. Kalaburagi Airport, Gulbarga
	Orient Flight School	21. Mysore Airport, Mandakally post, Mysore
	Redbird Flight Training Academy Pvt. Ltd.	22..Kalaburagi Airport, Karnataka

		23. Belagavi Airport, Belagavi
Kerala	Rajiv Gandhi Academy for Aviation Tech.	24. International Airport, Thiruvananthapuram
Madhya Pradesh	Chimes Aviation	25. Dhana Aerodrome, Sagar 26. Neemuch Airstrip, Jaysingpura, Neemuch
	Falcon Aviation Academy	27. Rewa Airfield, Rewa (currently non-operational)
	Indian Flying Academy (A unit of Shaurya Flight Sim Pvt. Ltd.)	28. Hanger no.2, Khajuraho Airport, Khajuraho
	Jet Serve Aviation Pvt. Ltd.	29. Flyola Aviation Academy, Terminal Road, Khajuraho Airport, Khajuraho
	Madhya Pradesh Flying Club	30. Devi Ahilyabai Holkar Airport, Civil Aerodrome, Bijasan Road, Indore 31. Raja Bhoj Airport, Bairagarh, Bhopal-
	Redbird Flight Training Academy Pvt. Ltd.	32. Suktara Airport, Seoni
	Sha- Shib Flying Academy	33. Guna Airport
Maharashtra	Academy of Carver Aviation	34. Plot No. P-50, MIDC Ind. Area, Near Baramati Airport, Baramati
	Ambitions Flying Club Pvt Ltd.	35. Karad Airport, Karad – Patan Road, Karad Satara
	Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Uran Akademi	36. Airport Authority of India, Birsi Airport, P.O.P; Paraswada, Gondia
	Jet Serve Aviation Pvt. Ltd.	37. Flyola Aviation Academy, Jalgaon Airport, Jalgaon
	Nagpur Flying Club	38. Hangar No. 1, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Intl. Airport, Sonegaon Aerodrome, Nagpur, (currently non-operational) 39. Moorwa airstrip, Chandrapur
	National Flying Training Institute, Pvt. Ltd	40. Birsi Airport, Paraswada, Gondia,
	Redbird Flight Training Academy Pvt. Ltd.	41. Baramati Airport, Baramati,,
	SKVM's Flying Academy of Aviation	42. Shirpur Airstrip, Dist. Dhule
	Skynex Aero Pvt. Ltd.	43. Jalgaon Airport, Jalgaon
	The Bombay Flying Club	44. Juhu Airport, Mumbai 45. Dhule Airstrip, Mumbai
Orissa	Govt. Aviation Training Institute	46. Birasal Airstrip, Birasal, Dhenkanal
		47. Biju Pattanaik International Airport, Bhubaneswar
Punjab	Patiala Aviation Club	48. Hanger -1, Civil Aerodrome, Sangrur Road, Patiala
		49. Sri Guru Ram Das Jee, International Airport Amritsar
Rajasthan	Avyanna Aviation Academy	50. Site-2, Kishangarh Airport, Ajmer,

	Banasthali Vidyapith Gliding Flying Club,	51. Banasthali Univ., Banasthali, Dist.Tonk (currently non-operational)
	Dunes Aviation Academy (A unit of Ganpat Care Foundation)	52. GCF Hangar, Hamirgarh Airstrip, Bhilwara,
Tamil Nadu	Ekvi Air Training Organisation Pvt. Ltd.	53. Site B, Salem Airport, Kamalapuram, Omalur Taluk, Dist - Salem
Telangana	Asia Pacific Flight Training Academy Ltd	54. Rajiv Gandhi International Airport Shamshabad, Hyderabad 500409. (currently non-operational)
	Flytech Aviation Academy	55. Nadergul Aerodrome, Hyderabad
	Wings Aviation Pct. Ltd.	56. Begumpet Airport Hyderabad
	Telangana State Aviation Academy	57. Begumpet Airport Hyderabad
Uttar Pradesh	Chetak Aviation Academy	58. MS- 10 NH-91, Dhanipur Airstrip, Post Panethi, Aligarh- 202001
	Falcon Aviation Academy	59. Civil Airport, Ayodhya (currently non-operational)
	Garg Aviation Ltd.	60. Hanger No.3, Civil Aerodrome, Cantt. Kanpur-208004
	Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Uran Akademy	61.Fursatganj Airfield, Raebareilly
	Pioneer Flying Club, Pvt. Ltd	62. MS-10, NH-91, Dhanipur Airport, Post Panethi, Aligarh

Source: Directorate General of Civil Aviation

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