

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. : 86
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 27th July 2026
VACANCIES IN DGCA

86. SHRI RYAGA KRISHNAIAH

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

(a) the details of the number of vacant posts that are pending recruitment in Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA);

(b) the details of the various channels of recruitments in DGCA;

(c) the details of the number of highly skilled professionals, experienced pilots, airworthiness inspectors and flight operations specialists for conducting credible surveillance of the private aviation industry; and

(d) the steps being taken to recruit skilled professionals to ensure the effective services to the passengers?

ANSWER

Minister of CIVIL AVIATION (Shri Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the table of the house.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (D) IN RESPECT OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 86 FOR REPLY ON 27.07.2026 REGARDING "VACANCIES IN DGCA" BY SHRI RYAGA KRISHNAIAH.

(a): In respect of Group A Technical posts (to be filled through direct recruitment) details of 241 vacant posts are as follows:-

(i) 63 candidates have already been recommended by UPSC.

(ii) 82 posts for Vacancy Year 2026 have been submitted to UPSC and have already been advertised by UPSC on 09.05.2026, 30.05.2026 and 13.06.2026.

(iii) A request has been made to UPSC to provide candidates from reserve panel against 45 posts who were found to be ineligible and subsequently their candidature has been cancelled.

(iv) 51 posts are part of restructuring/ rationalization of DGCA.

In respect of other administrative and technical posts (to be filled through direct recruitment) the position is as under:-

(i) Requisition for 88 posts have already been placed with the Staff Selection Commission.

(ii) 21 posts are part of restructuring/ rationalization of DGCA.

(iii) 3 Posts are for Compassionate Appointments.

(b): Direct Recruitment from UPSC/SSC, deputation, hiring on contract and secondment from civil aviation sectors are various channels of recruitment in DGCA.

(c): The Government accords high priority to strengthening the manpower capacity of DGCA. Creation of posts, recruitment and filling up of vacancies are undertaken on a continuous basis in line with operational requirements. Necessary administrative measures are taken to ensure that DGCA continues to maintain full operational capability and effective safety oversight.

The details of the number of highly skilled professionals-experienced pilots, airworthiness inspector and flight operations specialists are as under:-

(i) 175 Airworthiness officers are working in the Directorate of Airworthiness.

(ii) 173 Operation officers are working in the Directorate of Operations.

(iii) 75 Flight Operation Inspectors (Pilots) are working in Directorate of Flight Standards.

Since 01.01.2026 alone, 111 skilled manpower has been recruited in DGCA.

(d): All methods of recruitment are pursued vigorously in order to ensure timely and continuous availability of requisite manpower. To meet requirements in the interregnum due to vacancies arising from reasons like inadequate response to advertisements, non-joining of selected candidates, insufficient response to deputation posts and others, efforts are made to recruit persons through short term contractual hiring.

Structure and continuous capacity building framework has been put in place for training of the officers of regulator. The training programmes are updated with evolving international standards, technological advancements and industry best practices.
