

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 822

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 27th July 2026

**PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN PILOTS AND JOB CREATION IN THE
AVIATION SECTOR**

822. SHRI PRADIP KUMAR VARMA

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that India is among the countries with the highest number of women commercial pilots in the world;
- (b) if so, the current percentage of women commercial pilots in the country and the details of the increase registered therein during the last five years;
- (c) whether Government has launched any special initiatives to increase the number of women pilots, aircraft maintenance engineers and other aviation professionals;
- (d) whether these initiatives have resulted in the creation of new employment opportunities in the aviation sector; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION (Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

a & b) No. of CPLs issued by DGCA to women pilots in India in last five years is as under:-

Year	Total CPL	CPL to women	% of women
2021	862	166	19.25%
2022	1165	549	20.60%
2023	1622	667	18.12%
2024	1347	549	22.64%
2025	1652	615	22.57%
Till	1331	348	26.14%

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c to e) To promote skill development and enhance participation of women in the aviation sector:

- (i) AAI has signed two tripartite MoUs with the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) and the National Skill Development Fund (NSDF) under its CSR initiative for setting up Multi Skill Development Centres at Chandigarh and Mumbai.
- (ii) Women candidates are provided fee exemption in AAI's direct recruitment examinations.
