

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 389
(To be answered on the 8th December 2022)**

RECRUITMENT OF ATCOS

389. SHRI MANICKAM TAGORE B.

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government has given approval for recruitment of 455 Air Traffic Controllers (ATCOs) and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Airports Authority of India recruited 264 ATCOs in the year 2021 and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the delayed approval and recruitment of ATCOs is causing problems for air navigations and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether it takes about two years to train a new recruits for assigning duties at a control tower and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Government has taken note of the shortage of ATCOs against the sanctioned strength and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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(GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD))

(a): Recruitment of Air Traffic Controllers (ATCOs) against the existing vacancies is a regular process undertaken by the Airports Authority of India (AAI). AAI had released an Advertisement No. 02/2022 for 400 vacancies of Junior Executives (ATCOs) for recruitment procedure commencing 07.06.2022. The final result of recruitment against these 400 vacancies has been declared on 28.11.2022.

(b): The 264 vacancies of ATCOs were advertised vide Advertisement No.05/2020 dated 26.11.2020, for which results were declared on 23.02.2022 and 190 candidates have joined. The second list of 70 candidates, available in waiting list of results declared on 23.02.2022, against the available vacancies has also been released on 24.11.2022.

(c): Regular recruitment and training are conducted to fulfill the manpower requirement of ATCOs for smooth and effective functioning of Air Navigation

Services across Airports.

(d): A new recruit ATCO has to undergo a mandatory training of around nine months at Air Traffic Services Training Organisation and thereafter rating specific training of duration varying from 18 to 24 months subject to requirements and facilities available at a particular airport.

(e): At present, 3379 ATCOs are available in AAI against the total sanctioned strength of 4241.
