

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 164
(To be answered on the 2nd February 2023)**

SHORTAGE OF PILOTS

164. MS. NUSSRAT JAHAN

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether there is an acute shortage of pilots in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the gap between the demand and supply of pilots along with the steps being taken by the Government to meet the demand; and
- (c) whether the Government proposes to set up universities/training and flying schools to meet the requirements of rapidly growing aviation sector 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) and (b) **There is no shortage of pilots in India. The total number of CPLs issued by DGCA in 2022 is 1165 which is the highest on record.**

(c) **DGCA approves Flying Training Organisations (FTOs) as per laid down Rules and Regulations and reviews its regulations as per international practices from time to time to further improve the standards of FTOs and to facilitate opening up of more number of FTOs. At present, there are 35 Flying Training Organisations (FTOs) operating at 53 bases as approved by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA).**

In 2021, after a competitive bidding process, AAI awarded nine FTO slots at five airports at Belagavi (Karnataka), Jalgaon (Maharashtra), Kalaburagi (Karnataka), Khajuraho (Madhya Pradesh) and Lilabari (Assam).

In June 2022, under second round of bidding, six FTO slots were awarded by AAI at five airports namely: two slots at Bhavnagar (Gujarat), and one each at Hubballi (Karnataka), Kadappa (Andhra Pradesh), Kishangarh (Rajasthan) and Salem (Tamil Nadu).
