

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 2381  
(To be answered on the 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2023)**

**SHORTAGE OF AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS**

**2381. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY**

**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION**

**नागर विमानन मंत्री**

**be pleased to state:-**

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is shortage of experienced air traffic controllers in India and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government is aware of consequences of the scarcity of qualified personal to manage airspace on aviation safety in the country;
- (c) the details of air traffic controllers in India, airline-wise, against current shortage; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to address the issue?

**ANSWER**

**Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION**

**नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री**

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(a) to (d): The recruitment of sufficient manpower/ Air Traffic Controllers (ATCOs) for smooth Air Traffic Management in line with guidelines prescribed by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) is a regular process, which is undertaken by the Airports Authority of India (AAI) based on the requirement at various stations/ airports. Vacant posts of ATCOs are filled through direct recruitment examination as well as internally through departmental examination, for meeting the growing demands of the aviation sector.

ATCOs are posted at a particular station based on the volume of air traffic. To meet the manpower requirements of ATCOs, an additional 796 ATCO positions have been created since 2022 and the direct recruitment process to fill up 400 posts of Junior Executive (ATC) has been completed. AAI has also initiated direct recruitment for another 356 ATCO positions.

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