

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 3074  
(To be answered on the 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023)**

**ATC CONTROLLERS**

**3074. 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 a large-scale stagnation of ATC controllers due to non-restructuring of ATC Cadre and if so, the details thereof; and  
(b) whether the ATC Cadre restructuring is planned to overcome the impact of bulk recruitment on career progression of the ATCOs and if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

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

**नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री**

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

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**(a) & (b): With the swift operationalization of new airports in the country, there has been a corresponding rise in the demand for Air Traffic Controllers (ATCOs). The necessity for additional ATCO positions is regularly assessed and in accordance with the approval of the Department of Public Enterprises, new positions are established. To meet the escalating demand adequately, 796 new ATCO positions have been instituted across different levels since 2022.**

**Furthermore, vacant ATCO positions are actively being filled through both direct recruitment examinations and internal departmental examinations. This ensures a seamless process of recruitment, addressing the growing demands in the field and maintaining a suitable number of ATCOs to meet the needs of the expanding aviation sector.**

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