

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 966
(To be answered on the 8th February 2024)**

IMPLEMENTATION OF AIR SPACE POLICY

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

- (a) the details of recent policy changes which were implemented for the improvement of efficiency in utilisation of air space;
- (b) the initiative taken to make travel and lodging arrangements for religious pilgrims easier; and
- (c) whether the Government has started intensive training programmes for skill and efficiency improvement of public sector employees under the Ministry?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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(a): Achieving the optimal utilisation of airspace is a continuous effort that requires collaboration among all stakeholders. The Flexible Use of Airspace initiative, as an integral component of this effort, acknowledges the dynamic nature of air traffic and seeks to establish a framework for flexible and adaptive airspace management. To date, 129 conditional routes have been instituted as a tangible outcome of this initiative.

(b): To enhance ease of travel for passengers, the Government has launched Digi Yatra for biometric-based travel using Facial Recognition Technology. The main objective of Digi Yatra Service is to elevate passenger experience by eliminating the need for manual verification of ticket and ID at multiple touch points like entry gates, security check point and boarding gates and to achieve better throughput through existing infrastructure using a Digital Framework.

(c): As part of the Mission Karmayogi initiative, the Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) has launched the Immersive Training Programme (ITP), with an aim to provide field experience to the officials of MoCA. Under this programme, training with private entities such as airlines, airports, cargo, ground handling, general aviation, aerospace manufacturing, Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO), Flying Training Organisations (FTOs), Drones etc. is offered to the officials.
