

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. : 39
(To be answered on the 3rd February 2022)**

NATIONAL AIR SPORTS POLICY

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:-

- (a) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to bring in the latest technology, equipment, infrastructure and international best practices, to promote air sports in the country; and**
(b) whether the Government has formulated a National Air Sports Policy and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

(Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia)

(a) & (b): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement in reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question no 39 due for answer on 03 February 2022.

(a) and (b) To bring in the latest air sports technology, equipment, infrastructure and international best practices etc., and to promote air sports in the country, the Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) has prepared a draft National Air Sports Policy (NASP 2022). The draft policy was released on 01 January 2022 for public comments.

The key features of the draft policy are:

- 1. The draft policy covers air sports like aerobatics, aeromodelling, amateur-built and experimental aircraft, ballooning, drones, gliding, hang gliding and paragliding microlighting and paramotoring skydiving and vintage aircraft.**
- 2. The vision is to make India one of the top air sports nations by 2030. The mission is to provide a safe, affordable, accessible, enjoyable and sustainable air sports ecosystem in India.**
- 3. NASP 2022 seeks to leverage India's huge potential for air sports given its large geographical expanse, diverse topography and fair weather conditions.**
- 4. Air Sports Federation of India (ASFI) is proposed to be established as the apex governing body. Associations for each air sport will handle day to day activities e.g. Paragliding Association of India or Skydiving Association of India etc.**
- 5. The air sports associations will be accountable to ASFI with respect to the regulatory oversight and for providing safe, affordable, accessible, enjoyable and sustainable conduct of their respective air sport.**
- 6. NASP 2022 will promote design, development and manufacturing of air sports equipment in India in line with the Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan.**
- 7. ASFI will represent India at Federation Aeronautique Internationale (FAI) and other global platforms related to air sports. Greater participation and success of Indian sports-persons in global air sports events will be facilitated.**

The deadline for receiving public comments is 31 January 2022.
