

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 3489
(To be answered on the 24th March 2022)**

REQUIREMENT OF PILOTS

**3489. SHRI VENKATESH NETHA BORLAKUNTA
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether it is a fact that Indian aviation sector has requirement of seven thousand pilots in the next five to six years and if so, the details thereof;
(b) the details of the steps taken to set up flying training institutes in the country;
(c) whether the Government proposes to set up any such institute in Telangana; and
(d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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(a) and (b) It is estimated that India has a requirement of around 1000 fresh commercial pilots per annum over the next five to six years.

The Government has taken several steps to set up flying training institutes in the country. These include the following:

(i) The Airports Authority of India (AAI), on 25 September 2020, approved a liberalised Flying Training Organisations (FTO) policy wherein the concept of airport royalty (revenue share payment by FTOs to AAI) was abolished and land rental charges were significantly rationalised.

(ii) AAI received bids for all nine FTO slots in March 2021 despite the airline sector going through a serious financial crisis due to Covid.

(iii) AAI issued award letters on 31 May 2021 and 29 October 2021 for nine FTOs to be established at five airports at Belagavi (Karnataka), Jalgaon (Maharashtra), Kalaburagi (Karnataka), Khajuraho (Madhya Pradesh) and Lilabari (Assam). Soft launch of two FTOs at Kalabuargi was done on 15

August 2021.

(iv) In the second round of FTO creation, tender process is in progress for establishing 15 FTOs at 10 Airports namely Cooch Behar, Tezu, Jharsuguda, Deoghar, Meerut, Kishangarh, Hubli, Kadapa, Bhavnagar and Salem Airports.

(c) and (d) Currently, there is no proposal in the Government to set up a flying training institute in Telangana.
