

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 895
(To be answered on the 21st July 2022)**

FLYING TRAINING SCHOOLS

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

- (a) the details of Flying Training Schools along with the steps taken by the Government to increase the number of Flying Training Organizations (FTOs) in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the number of commercial pilots employed in the airline industry and the requirement of commercial pilots by the industry in the next five years;
- (c) the details of the commercial pilot licence issued in the country annually and the steps taken by the Government to provide the flying training facilities at an affordable cost and in comparison to the international facilities; and
- (d) the number of commercially trained pilots in the country or abroad respectively, along with the steps taken by the Government to streamline the regulatory process in the training facilities?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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- (a) to (d) There are 35 Flying Training Organisations (FTO) in the country. State wise list of FTOs is at Annexure-I. The Government has taken several steps to establish more flying schools across the country to train greater number of commercial pilots. These include the following:
- (i) In 2020, Airports Authority of India (AAI) brought out a liberalised FTO policy wherein airport royalty payments (revenue share payment by FTOs to AAI) was abolished and land rentals were significantly rationalised.
 - (ii) In 2021, after a competitive bidding process, AAI awarded nine FTO slots at five airports at Belagavi (Karnataka), Jalgaon (Maharashtra), Kalaburagi (Karnataka), Khajuraho (Madhya Pradesh) and Lilabari (Assam). As on 30th June 2022, four of these FTOs are operational: one each at Jalgaon and Lilabari, and two at Kalaburagi.
 - (iii) In June 2022, after a competitive bidding process, six more FTO slots were awarded by AAI at five airports namely: Bhavnagar (Gujarat), Hubballi

(Karnataka), Kadapa (Andhra Pradesh), Kishangarh (Rajasthan) and Salem (Tamil Nadu).

(iv) DGCA has introduced Online-On Demand Examination (OLODE) for the Aircraft Maintenance Engineers (AME) and Flying Crew (FC) candidates with effect from November 2021. This facility allows candidates to choose the date and time from the available exam slots.

(v) DGCA has modified its regulations to empower Flying Instructors with the right to authorise flight operations at FTOs. This was hitherto restricted to the Chief Flying Instructor (CFI) or Deputy CFIs only.

(vi) India's largest flying academy - Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Uran Akademi (IGRUA) at Amethi (Uttar Pradesh) - has been permitted to carry out pilot training in Gondia (Maharashtra) and Kalaburagi (Karnataka) to enhance its flying hours and aircraft utilisation, which get severely affected during winter months due to low visibility. IGRUA has commenced operating on all weekends and holidays. It completed 19,019 flying hours during the year 2021 as compared to 15,137 hours in the pre-Covid year 2019, an increase of over 25%.

(vii) The total number of flying hours at Indian FTOs increased from 1.20 lakh hours in the pre-Covid period (2019) to 1.62 lakh hours in 2021. The good performance by Indian FTOs in 2021 is despite severe disruptions due to the Covid second wave, Cyclone Yaas, Cyclone Tauktae, early onset of monsoons and a rising cost of imported aviation fuel.

There are approx 9000 commercial pilots employed in the airline industry. Approx 2000 more pilots are expected to be required during next 4-5 years. The details of the Commercial Pilot Licenses issued in the country since 2017 is at Annexure-II.

Annexure in reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question no. 895 for 21 July 2022

LIST OF FLYING TRAINING ORGANISATIONS (FTO)

S No	State	Name	Address
1.	Bihar	Bihar Flying Institute	Patna Airport, Patna
2.	Gujarat	Ahmedabad Aviation & Aeronautics Ltd.,	AAA Hangar, Old Terminal Airport, Ahmedabad
3.	Gujrat	Gujarat Flying Club,	Vadodara airport
4.	Haryana	Haryana Institute of Civil Aviation	Civil Aerodrome, Kunjpura Road, Karnal
5.	Haryana	FSTC Flying School Private Ltd	Chaudhary Bansi Lal Airport, Bhiwani
6.	Jharkhand	Alchemist Aviation Pvt. Ltd.	Jamshedpur
7.	Karnataka	Govt. Flying Training School	Jakkur, Bangalore
8.	Karnataka	Orient Flight Aviation Academy	Mysore
9.	Kerela	Rajiv Gandhi Academy for Aviation Technology	Thiruvananthapuram
10.	Madhya Pradesh	Chimes Aviation Academy,	Sagar
11.	Madhya Pradesh	Madhya Pradesh Flying Club, Indore/ Bhopal	Devi Ahilyabai Holkar Airport, Civil Aerodrome, Bijasan Road, Indore
12.	Madhya Pradesh	Sha-Shib Flying Academy,	Guna
13.	Maharashtra	Academy of Carver Aviation,	Baramati Airport, Baramati
14.	Maharashtra	Blue Ray Aviation	BRAPL Hangar, Osmanabad Airport
15.	Maharashtra	Nagpur Flying Club	Office of the Divisional Commissioner, Civil Lines, Nagpur
16.	Maharashtra	National Flying Training Institute, Pvt. Ltd,	C/o Airport Authority of India, Birsi Airport, P.O.P; Paraswada, Gondia,
17.	Maharashtra	Redbird Flight Training Academy Pvt. Ltd.	Baramati Airport, Baramati,
18.	Maharashtra	SVKM NMIMS Academy of Aviation	Campus-Babulde, Shirpur, Dist. Dhule

S No	State	Name	Address
19.	Maharashtra	SKYNEX Aero Pvt. Ltd.	Jalgaon Airport, Jalgaon
20.	Maharashtra	The Bombay Flying Club,	Juhu Airport, Santacruz (W), Mumbai
21.	Odisha	Govt. Aviation Training Institute,	Directorate of Aviation, Orissa, Civil Aerodrome, Bhubaneswar.
22.	Punjab	Patiala Aviation Club	Patiala & Amritsar
23.	Rajasthan	Banasthali Vidyapith Gliding Flying Club	Banasthali, Dist. Tonk
24.	Telangana	Asia Pacific Flight Training Academy Ltd.	Shamshabad
25.	Telangana	Flytech Aviation Academy,	A1-Kauser, Plot No.295, Road No. 10, West Maredpally. Secunderabad.
26.	Telangana	Telangana State Aviation Academy,	Andhra Pradesh, old AirPort, Hyderabad
27.	Telangana	Wings Aviation Pvt. Ltd.,	1-11-256/B, Plot No. 108, Adjacent Airport Road, Begumpet, Hyderabad
28.	Uttarakhand	Global Konnect Aviation Services Pvt. Ltd.	Pant Nagar Airport
29.	Uttar Pradesh	Ambitions Flying Club Pvt. Ltd	Aligarh
30.	Uttar Pradesh	Chetak Aviation	MS-10, NH-91, Aligarh Airstrip, Dhanipur Aligarh
31.	Uttar Pradesh	Falcon Aviation Academy	Faizabad
32.	Uttar Pradesh	Garg Aviation Ltd. UP	Hangar No.3dhule, Civil Aerodrome, Cantt. Kanpur
33.	Uttar Pradesh	Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Udan Akademy	Fursatganj, Dist. Raebareilly
34.	Uttar Pradesh	Pioneer Flying Academy Pvt. Ltd	MS-10, NH-91, Dhanipur Airport, Post Panethi, Aligarh
35.	Uttar Pradesh	Saraswati Aviation Academy	Sultanpur, Amhat Airfield

Annexure- II

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The detail of the commercial pilot license issued in the country annually since 2017 is as below:-

Year	CPL to cadets from Indian FTOs	CPL to cadets from foreign FTOs	Total
2017	358	194	552
2018	415	225	640
2019	430	314	744
2020	335	243	578
2021	504	358	862
2022 (till 30 th June 2022)	373	326	699
Total	2415	1660	4075