

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 546  
(To be answered on the 28<sup>th</sup> November 2024)**

**COMMERCIAL PILOT LICENSE**

**546. MS. PRANITI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE**

**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION**

**नागर विमानन मंत्री**

**be pleased to state:-**

- (a) the details of Commercial Pilot Licenses (CPL) issued to women during the last three years;  
(b) whether the Government has taken any measure to increase the representation of women in the aviation sector; and  
(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

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

**नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री**

**(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)**

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(a) The details of Commercial Pilot Licenses (CPLs) issued to women during the last 03 years is as follows:-

Year	No. of CPL issued to women
2022	343
2023	306
2024	321

(till 18.11.2024)

(b) and (c) The measures taken by the Government for skill development in civil aviation sector include the following:

(i) In order to augment the supply of trained pilots in the country, the Airports Authority of India (AAI) has brought out a liberalised Flying Training Organisation (FTO) policy whereby the concept of airport royalty (revenue share payment by FTOs to AAI) has been abolished and land rentals have been 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). In June 2022, under second round of bidding, six FTO slots were awarded by AAI at five airports namely: two slots at Bhavnagar (Gujarat), and one each at Hubballi (Karnataka), Kadappa (Andhra Pradesh), Kishangarh (Rajasthan) and Salem (Tamil Nadu). Of

**these 11 FTO slots are operational.**

**The increase in number of FTOs is expected to provide more opportunities to women to enter the aviation sector. Apart from this, 135 Remote Pilot Training Organisations (RPTOs) have been established providing diverse opportunities for women to enter aviation sector.**

**Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare has implemented the Central Sector Scheme "Namo Drone Didi" for providing Drones to the Women Self Help Groups under DAY-NRLM. The scheme aims to provide drones to 14500 selected Women SHGs during the period from 2024-25 to 2025-2026 for providing rental services to farmers for agriculture purpose. The drone manufacturers shall provide training as a package along with the supply of drones.**

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