

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
Lok Sabha
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1579
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 13th February 2025)
PROMOTION OF FLYING TRAINING

1579. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY
Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether it is true that the Aero Club of India is responsible for promoting flying training across the country and if so, the details of the flying network established along with the number of training hours conducted;**
- (b) whether it is also true that the Aero Club of India is officially entrusted with the promotion of aero sports in the country and if so, the details thereof along with the specific areas of focus and activities undertaken by the Club;**
- (c) whether the Aero Club of India has received financial support in the past and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) whether any proposals are under consideration to provide further financial support and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION
(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a) As per National Air Sports Guidelines 2023, para 5(iii), ACI-(NAC India) shall provide governance over all aspects of air sports including but not limited to, regulation, certification, competitions, awards and penalties.

It shall conduct promotional events and competitions across the country through the different national Air Sports Commissions among National Air Sports Commissions one of the commissions is General Aviation (including flying clubs). Flying training in the country is regulated by DGCA under the provision stipulated in CAR

Section 7, Series D, Part 1. Flying training is imparted by DGCA approved Flying Training Organisations. The list of FTOs presently operating in country may be seen at Annexure 1. The details of flying training hours logged in are as under:

2022 - 1.63 Lakh Hours

2023 - 1.94 Lakh Hours

2024 - 2.25 Lakh Hours

(b) Yes, Aero Club of India is the National Air Sports Control as per National Air sports Guidelines 2023. As per NASG 2023,

(i) ACI-(NAC India) shall be a body accountable to Air Sports Federation of India (ASFI) of the Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA), Government of India.

(ii) ACI-(NAC India) will represent India at FAI and other global platforms related to air sports.

(iii) ACI-(NAC India) shall provide governance over all aspects of air sports including but not limited to, regulation, certification, competitions, awards and penalties. It shall conduct promotional events and competitions across the country through the different national Air Sports Commissions.

(iv) ACI-(NAC India) Council will have representatives from each National Air sports Commission in alignment and harmonization with the FAI structure.

(c) and (d) Aero Club of India was granted project specific grant in aid for development of aero sports till 2014-15 subject to the conditions for release of grants in aid. The grantee organisation (ACI) was required to adhere to the conditions of grant including maintenance of such books and accounts for scrutiny/audit by authority specified by the Government.

No budgetary allocation was provided to ACI as grants in aid since 2015-16.

Details of Grants given to ACI prior to 2015-16, may be seen at Annexure 2.

ANNEXURE 1

Annexure in reply to Lok Sabha Question Number 1579 due for answer on 13.02.2025.

LIST OF FLYING TRAINING ORGANISATIONS (FTOs)

S No	State	Name	Ownership Type	Flying Bases
1.	Bihar	Bihar Flying Institute	State Government	Patna Airport, Patna
2.	Gujarat	Blue Ray Aviation Pvt. Ltd.	Private	Mehsana Airstrip, Ahmedabad, Gujarat-384002
3.	Gujarat	Dunes Aviation Academy	Private	Bhavnagar Airport, Bhavnagar, Gujarat-364001
4.	Gujarat	Gujarat Flying Club,	Society	1. Civil Aerodrome, Harni Road, Vadodara Airport, Gujarat. 2. Amreli Airstrip, Amreli, Gujarat-365601.
5.	Gujarat	Vision Flying Training Institute	Trust	VFTI Hangar, Amreli Airport, Chital Road, mreli, Gujarat 365601
6.	Haryana	Haryana Institute of Civil Aviation	State Government	1. Civil Aerodrome, Kunjpura Road, Karnal, Haryana. 2. Civil Aerodrome, Hisar, Haryana. 3. Civil Aerodrome, Pinjore, Haryana
7.	Haryana	FSTC Flying School Private Ltd	Private	1. Chaudhary Bansi Lal Airport, Bhiwani, Haryana 2. Narnaul Airstrip.
8.	Jharkhand	Alchemist Aviation Pvt. Ltd.	Private	Jamshedpur, Jharkhand

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9.	Karnataka	Govt. Flying Training School	State Government	Jakkur Aerodrome, Bangaluru, Karnataka
10.	Karnataka	Orient Flight Aviation Academy	Private	Mysore Airport, Mandakally post, Mysore, Karnataka-571311
11.	Kerala	Rajiv Gandhi Academy for Aviation Technology	State Government	International Airport, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala
12.	Madhya Pradesh	Chimes Aviation Academy,	Private	1. Dhana Airstrip, Sagar, Madhya Pradesh. 2. Neemuch Airstrip, Jaysingpura, Neemuch, Madhya Pradesh - 458441
13.	Madhya Pradesh	The Madhya Pradesh Flying Club Ltd.	Society	1. Devi Ahilyabai Holkar Airport, Civil Aerodrome, Bijasan Road, Indore, Madhya Pradesh. 2. Raja Bhoj Airport, Nairagarh, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh-462030.
14.	Madhya Pradesh	Sha-Shib Flying Academy,	Society	Guna Airport, Madhya Pradesh
15.	Madhya Pradesh	Jet Serve Aviation Pvt. Ltd.	Private	1. Fly Ola Aviation Academy, Terminal Road, Khajuraho Airport, Khajuraho, Madhya Pradesh. 2. Fly Ola Aviation Academy, Jalgaon, Maharashtra

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16.	Madhya Pradesh	Indian Flying Academy	Private	Khajuraho Airport, Khajuraho, Madhya Pradesh
17.	Maharashtra	Academy of Carver Aviation,	Private	Baramati Airport, Baramati, Maharashtra
18.	Maharashtra	Ambitions Flying Club Pvt. Ltd.	Private	Karad Airport, Karad, Satara, Maharashtra-415124
19	Maharashtra	Nagpur Flying Club	State Government	1. Hangar No. 1, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar International Airport, Sonegaon Aerodrome, Nagpur, Maharashtra 440005. 2. Chandrapur, Morva, Nagpur, Maharashtra.
20	Maharashtra	National Flying Training Institute, Pvt. Ltd,	Private	Birsi Airport, P.O.P; Paraswada, Gondia, Maharashtra
21	Maharashtra	Redbird Flight Training Academy Pvt. Ltd.	Private	1. Baramati Airport, Baramati, Pune, Maharashtra 413133. 2. Suktara Airport, Seoni, Madhya Pradesh. 3. Lilabari Airport, Assam. 4. Kalaburagi Airport, Karnataka. 5. Belagavi Airport, Belagavi, Karnataka
22	Maharashtra	SVKM NMIMS Academy of Aviation	Private	Shirpur Airstrip, Dist. Dhule, Maharashtra 425405

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23	Maharashtra	SKYNEX Aero Pvt. Ltd.	Private	Jalgaon Airport, Jalgaon, Maharashtra 425003
24	Maharashtra	The Bombay Flying Club,	Society	1. Juhu Airport, Santacruz (W), Mumbai, Maharashtra. 2. Dhule Airstrip, Mumbai, Maharashtra
25	Odisha	Govt. Aviation Training Institute	State Government	1. Biju Pattanaik International Airport, Bhubaneshwar, Odisha. 2. Birasal Airstrip, Birasal, Dhenkanal, Odisha-759039
26	Punjab	Patiala Aviation Club	State Government	1. Hangar-1, Civil Aerodrome, Sangrur Road, Patiala, Punjab. 2. Sri Guru Ram Das Jee International Airport, Amritsar, Punjab.
27	Rajasthan	Banasthali Vidyapith Gliding Flying Club	Society	Banasthali Aerodrome, Dist. Tonk, Rajasthan-304022
28	Rajasthan	Avyanna Aviation Pvt. Ltd.	Private	Kishangarh Airport, Ajmer, Rajasthan-305802
29	Tamil Nadu	Ekvi Air Training Organisation	Private	Salem Airport, Tamil Nadu-636309
30	Telangana	Asia Pacific Flight Training Academy Ltd.		1. GMR HIAL Airport, Rajiv Gandhi International Airport, Shamshabad, Hyderabad, Telangana 2. Kalaburagi Airport, Gulbarga, Karnataki

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31.	Telangana	Flytech Aviation Academy,	Private	1. Nadergul Aerodrome, Hyderabad, Telangana 2. Nagarjuna Sagar, Airfield, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh
32.	Telangana	Telangana State Aviation Academy,	State Government	Begumpet Airport, Hyderabad, Telangana 500011
33.	Telangana	Wings Aviation Pvt. Ltd.,	Private	Begumpet Airport, Hyderabad, Telangana 500016
34.	Uttar Pradesh	Chetak Aviation	Society	MS-10, NH-91, Aligarh Airstrip, Dhanipur Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh
35.	Uttar Pradesh	Falcon Aviation Academy	Private	1. Civil Airport, Ayodhya, Faizabad, Uttar Pradesh. 2. Rewa Airfield, Rewa, Madhya Pradesh.
36.	Uttar Pradesh	Garg Aviations Ltd.	Private	Hangar No.3, Civil Aerodrome, Cantt. Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh
37.	Uttar Pradesh	Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Udan Akademy	Central Government	1. Fursatganj, Dist. Raebareli, Uttar Pradesh 229302. 2. Airport Authority of India, Birsi Airport, Gondia, Maharashtra. 3. Kalaburagi Airport, Gulbarga, Karnataka
38.	Uttar Pradesh	Pioneer Flying Academy Pvt. Ltd	Private	MS-10, NH-91, Dhanipur Airport, Post Panethi, Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh-202001

Source: Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA)

Annexure 2

Annexure in reply to Lok Sabha Question Number 1579 due for answer on 13.02.2025

Grants in Aid released by Ministry of Civil Aviation to Aero Club of India (ACI) towards Capital Expenditure (1984-2015)

S.No.	Year	Amount Sanctioned (Rs in crores)	Amount Released (Rs in crores)	Purpose
1.	1984-85	4.48	4.157	For procurement of 152 Cessna Aircrafts
2.	1985-2002	No grants sanctioned and released by MoCA.		
3.	2003-04	1.00	1.00	Powered Hanggliders/Parachutes/Gypsy/Motor Gliders & other aerospots equipment
4.	2004-05	4.76	1.00	Paraglider/Parasail, HAB and Winch etc.
5.	2006-07	12.03	9.00	Procurement of 11 Cessna 172 trainer aircraft.
6.	2007-08	-	1.53	Balance amount for the acquisition of 11 Cessna 172 R
7.	2007-08	-	4.12	Acquisition of 04 additional 04 Cessna 172 R trainer aircraft
8.	2007-08	-	5.27	Acquisition of 01 multi-engine Baron G-58 a/c
9.	2008-09	15.00	5.00	Purchase of 01 Multi-Engine Baron G-58/2 single engine simulators and 01 multi-engine simulator
10.	2009-10	5.00	5.00	Balance amount released
11.	2010-11	19.40	4.73	CTLS, 15 Parasails, 04 Gypsies, 02 Motor Gliders, 10 Parachute sets, 18 Aeromodels
12.	2011-12	6.00	0.844	10 Parachute Sets, 02 Aeromodels, 01 Gypsy
13.	2012-13	15.00	Nil	03 Single Engine Trainer aircraft/simulator
14.	2013-14	15.00	Nil	Four single engine aircraft
15.	2014-15	0.10	0.10	For IT items and construction of ACI library and website
