

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 5305
(To be answered on the 3rd April 2025)**

RECRUITMENT OF AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government is aware of concerns regarding the recruitment process for Air Traffic Controllers (ATCOs), particularly regarding the eligibility criteria favoring B.Tech graduates over B.Sc. graduates and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the rationale for allowing B.Tech graduates from any discipline to apply even if they have studied Physics or Mathematics in just one semester, whereas B.Sc. graduates must have pursued a full three-year degree in these subjects;
- (c) whether the initial training period for ATCOs has been reduced from 8 months to 6 months and if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government has conducted any assessment on its impact on air traffic management and aviation safety and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Government has taken note of security concerns related to ATCOs allegedly engaging in paid coaching activities and if so, the details thereof along with the measures being taken to prevent such breaches?

ANSWER

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(a) & (b): The current eligibility criteria for recruitment of Air Traffic Controllers (ATCOs) in the Airports Authority of India (AAI) inter-alia specifies the minimum qualification as follows:

- Regular full-time Bachelor's Degree (three years) in Science with Physics and Mathematics from a recognized university, OR**
- Full-time regular Bachelor's Degree in Engineering in any discipline from a recognized university, provided Physics and Mathematics were subjects in at least one semester.**

B.Sc. graduates are considered at par with B.Tech. graduates who have studied Physics and Mathematics in any semester of their curriculum for eligibility purposes.

The selection of ATCOs is based on an All India Competitive examination with a defined syllabus where the Physics and Mathematics components are at the 12th standard level.

(c) & (d) : The training period for ATCOs has not been reduced.

(e): The conduct of Airports Authority of India (AAI) employees is regulated by the AAI Employees (Conduct, Discipline and Appeal) Regulations, 2003, which specify the corrective actions to be taken in instances of misconduct.
