

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 4736
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 21st August 2025)

**OPPORTUNITIES UNDER AVIATION CAREER GUIDANCE
PROGRAMME**

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

be pleased to state:-

- (a) the total number of schools and students targeted to be covered under the Aviation Career Guidance Programme, State-wise;
- (b) the steps being taken to ensure equitable access to aviation careers for women and the students belonging to Scheduled Castes (SC)/Scheduled Tribes (ST) and Economically Weaker Sections (EWS);
- (c) the estimated number of jobs likely to be created in the aviation sector over the next decade; and
- (d) the manner in which the said programme prepares students for the expected job opportunities?

ANSWER

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

(a) Ministry of Civil Aviation launched the Aviation Career Guidance Programme (ACGP) on 09.04.2025 to create awareness among school students about aviation careers, including Commercial Pilot License.

(b) The Ministry supports aviation education through Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Udan Akademi (IGRUA) and Rajiv Gandhi National Aviation University (RGNAU), which follow Government norms on reservation and fee concessions. RGNAU offers a 10% tuition fee waiver for women, while IGRUA provides reservations and relaxations for Commercial Pilot Licence (CPL) and Aircraft Maintenance Engineering (AME) courses. Notably, women constitute 15% of Indian pilots, nearly three times the global average. Aviation careers are also facilitated by private FTOs, AME institutes, ATOs, airlines, airports, and State Governments.

(c) Job creation in aviation over the next decade will depend on sectoral growth, driven by rising passenger traffic, airline fleet expansion, airport development, and strengthening of support infrastructure including MRO, cargo, and training facilities.

(d) The ACGP provides counseling by aviation professionals to Class 11&12 students, offering career guidance, industry insights, and self-assessment support to help identify suitable career paths.
