

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
**LOK SABHA**  
**(UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1849)**  
( TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 11<sup>th</sup> December 2025 )

**SHORTAGE OF STAFF IN ATCS**

1849. SMT RACHNA BANERJEE  
Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

be pleased to state:-

- (a) the details of the sanctioned strength of Air Traffic Control (ATC) personnel and the number of vacancies, ATC-wise;
- (b) the number of operational ATC personnel training centres in the country along with the number of personnel trained during the last five years, year and training Centre-wise; and
- (c) whether it is a fact that the shortage of ATC personnel has led to the merging or shutdown of key operational units and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a): Air Traffic is managed by Airports Authority of India (AAI) through a total sanctioned strength of 5537 Air Traffic Controllers (ATCOs). The total vacancies of ATCOs is 1260 with 396 vacancies in Northern Region, 331 vacancies in Southern Region, 286 vacancies in Western Region, 199 vacancies in Eastern Region and 48 vacancies in North-eastern Region.

(b): AAI has seven (7) operational ATC personnel training centres, which include three Air Traffic Services Training Organisations (ATSTOs) namely, Civil Aviation Training College (CATC), Prayagraj, Hyderabad Training Center (HTC), Hyderabad and National Institute of Aviation Training And Management (NIATAM), Gondia and four Regional Training Centers (RTCs) located at Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, and Kolkata. The number of ATC personnel trained during the last five years, year and training-centre wise is at Annexure.

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(c): The deployment of Air Traffic Control Officers (ATCOs) is undertaken by AAI based on the Directorate General of Civil Aviation - Civil Aviation Requirements (CAR) on Watch Duty Time Limitations (WDTL) which is as per international norms and also as per air traffic volume at airports so as to ensure safe and efficient air traffic management. Aviation safety is maintained through optimal utilization of available manpower in accordance with the extant norms and standards. No key operational units have been shutdown due to manpower shortage.

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**Annexure referred to in reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1849 for 11.12.2025**

<b>FINANCIAL YEAR</b>	<b>CATC, PRAYAGRAJ</b>	<b>HTC, HYDERABAD</b>	<b>NIATAM, GONDIA</b>	<b>RTC DELHI</b>	<b>RTC MUMBAI</b>	<b>RTC KOLKATA</b>	<b>RTC CHENNAI</b>	<b>TOTAL YEAR- WISE</b>
2021-22	370	57	65	78	659	555	481	<b>2265</b>
2022-23	811	117	225	85	702	1032	563	<b>3535</b>
2023-24	1087	164	322	60	809	874	667	<b>3983</b>
2024-25	708	268	209	136	864	919	930	<b>4034</b>
2025-26 (Till Date)	743	269	159	91	478	894	562	<b>3196</b>