

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1122
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 5th February 2026)

WOMEN PILOTS

1122. SMT POONAMBEN HEMATBHAI MAADAM

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government has taken steps to increase the number of women pilots in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, including the total number of women pilots available in the country; and
- (c) whether the Government has taken steps to strengthen the pilot training ecosystem to meet the increasing manpower requirements of the civil aviation sector and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

a) to c) The Ministry of Civil Aviation has taken steps to increase the number of women pilots in the country. These efforts are aimed at strengthening the domestic pilot training ecosystem, which, inter alia, facilitate greater participation of women in pilot training and licensing.

As a result there has been an increase of 89.71 per cent in pilot licences issued to women pilots in 2025 (461) as compared to 2021 (243). As on 31 December 2025, there are a total of 3,327 active women pilots in the country.

To strengthen the pilot training ecosystem and to meet the increasing manpower requirements of the civil aviation sector, the ministry has undertaken following measure:

- i) Induction of 61 aircraft by FTOs in 2025 for expanding pilot training infrastructure in the country, bringing the total trainer aircraft tally to 385, till date, across Indian FTOs.
- ii) Revision to Civil Aviation Requirements (CAR) Section 7, Series 'I', Part-V (Issue-II, Rev 08 Dt. 3rd January 2025), Designated Examiner's Manual, Flight Training Circular (FTC) 01 of 2025 to enhance training quality, standardize benchmarks and optimize capacity.
- iii) Revision of CAR Section 7, Series D, Part I to expedite FTO approvals.
- iv) Ministry of Civil Aviation approved the Liberalized FTO Policy for improved operational viability and capacity of FTOs.
- v) Implementation of the FTO ranking framework.
