

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
Rajya Sabha
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 2416
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 8th August 2022
SHORTAGE OF COMMERCIAL PILOTS AGAINST THE
CURRENT SUPPLY OF PILOTS

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether it is a fact that India has an annual requirement of 1,000 commercial pilots against the current supply of about 200-300 pilots in the country;**
- (b) if so, the total number of trained commercial pilots passed out since 2016 and who have been employed during the period having Commercial Pilot's Licence (CPL), year-wise;**
- (c) the number of pilot training institutes in the country and the scope of type rating after CPL in the country; and**
- (d) the steps take by Government to establish Pilot Training Institute in Tamil Nadu?**

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION
(GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD))

(a) and (b) There is no shortage of pilots in India. There is, however, a marginal shortage of commanders on certain types of aircraft and the same is being managed by utilising foreign pilots by issuing Foreign Aircrew Temporary Authorization (FATA). As the air traffic increases the requirement of pilots will go up. As per Industry projections there may be a need for 1000 pilots per annum over next five years. The number of trained commercial pilots since 2016, year-wise, is attached at Annexure A. Given the growing requirement in the domestic aviation sector, most trained pilots get employed.

(c) There were 34 Flying Training Organizations (FTO) as on 31st March 2022. Since then, four more have commenced operations - two at Kalaburagi (Karnataka) and one each at Jalgaon (Maharashtra) and Lilabari (Assam) - taking the number to 38 as on 31st July 2022. Currently, there are six approved type rating training organizations in India which are providing aircraft type rating training after obtaining CPL. Details of the type rating training organizations are attached at Annexure B.

(d) FTOs are established and operated largely by private entities under the regulatory supervision of the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA). DGCA has issued No Objection Certificate (NOC) to two operators to setup FTOs at Salem and Hosur airports in Tamil Nadu.

ANNEXURE A**ANNEXURE IN REPLY TO RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION 2416 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 08TH AUGUST 2022**

The year wise number of trained commercial pilots passed out since 2016

YEAR	NUMBER OF COMMERCIAL PILOT LICENCE (CPLs) ISSUED
2016	537
2017	552
2018	640
2019	744
2020	578
2021	862
2022 (Till 30 th June)	699
TOTAL	4612

Source: Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA)

ANNEXURE B**ANNEXURE IN REPLY TO RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION 2416 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 08TH AUGUST 2022.**

List of Approved Training Organizations (ATOs) approved by DGCA
(As of 30th June 2022)

SNo.	NAME OF ORGANISATION	TYPE TRAINING AIRCRAFT/HELICOPTER
1.	FSTC Pvt Ltd, Gurugram	A320/B737-800/Q400
2.	CSTPL, Greater Noida	A320/B737 MAX
3.	CAE, Bengaluru	A320/B737-800
4.	Air India (Mumbai / Hyderabad)	A320/ B777/B787/B737- 800/B777
5.	Hats Off Helicopter, Bengaluru	DAUPHIN (N/N2/N3), BELL412, DHRUV
6.	AIRBUS India Training Center, Gurugram	A320

Source: Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA)