

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
Rajya Sabha  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 9  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 18th July 2022  
INCREASING WOMEN PILOTS**

**9. SHRI SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE PILLI**

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

- (a) the details of the steps taken by Government to increase the women pilots in the country;**
- (b) whether Government is providing any incentives to encourage women to take-up pilot training in the county; and**
- (c) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) to (c): The Ministry of Civil Aviation and its associated organisations have taken steps to increase the number of pilots in the country, both women and men. These include issuing award letters by Airports Authority of India for nine new Flying Training Organisations (FTO) slots at five airports namely**

**Belagavi, Jalgaon, Kalaburagi, Khajuraho and Lilabari in the first phase and six more FTO slots at five airports in the second phase namely**

**Bhavnagar, Hubballi, Kadapa, Kishangarh and Salem. These measures are likely to enhance the flying hours at FTOs and the number of Commercial Pilot Licenses issued per annum.**

**In addition, the Women in Aviation International (WAI) - India Chapter conducts many awareness programs across the country in**

**collaboration with the Ministry of Civil Aviation, industry and leading women aviation professionals, with special focus on young schoolgirls, especially from low income families.**

**Globally, according to the International Society of Women Airline Pilots, around 5% of pilots are women. In India, the share of women pilots is significantly higher - at around 15%.**

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