

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
Rajya Sabha
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1443
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 9th December 2024
LACK OF DRONE INSTITUTES IN PUNJAB

1443. SHRI VIKRAMJIT SINGH SAHNEY

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that out of 116 Remote Pilot Training Organization (RPTO) authorised by DGCA for Drone flying, Punjab has only 3 and that too private;**
- (b) whether it is a fact that there are 20 Government RPTO for training and certification of drone flying and Punjab do not have any out of it; and**
- (c) whether Government is planning to setup Government RPTO in Punjab?**

ANSWER

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

(a) As on date, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has authorised 145 Remote Pilot Training Organisations (RPTOs) across the country. Among them, four DGCA-approved RPTOs are located in Punjab, including one at Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana, for the Government of Punjab.

(b) As on date, a total of 22 Government RPTOs have been authorised by DGCA including one at Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana for the Government of Punjab.

(c) RPTOs are authorised by DGCA on the basis of applications submitted subject to meeting the requirements prescribed under the Drone Rules, 2021 and related Drone training circulars.
