

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1535
(To be answered on the 13th February 2025)**

AVIATION TRAINING INSTITUTES

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government proposes to establish aviation training institutes in Odisha under the revised Civil Aviation Policy, 2025;**
- (b) if so, the details of the proposed locations thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government is considering for collaboration with the State Governments and private players to develop the said institutes and ensure high-quality training programs along with the development of state-of-the-art facilities and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government to promote skill development and employment opportunities for youth, such as enhancing aviation skills including pilot training, aircraft maintenance, air traffic control, ground handling and other aviation-related areas to meet the growing demand for skilled professionals in the aviation sector in Odisha through such initiatives?**

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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(a) to (c) There is no such revised Civil Aviation Policy 2025 issued by Central Government.

(d) There are five (05) Aviation Training Institutes presently functioning in Odisha. The details are as under:-

Flying Training Organisation - 01

(i) Government Aviation Training Institute (GATI).

The number of flying hours and CPLs produced by GATI for last 02 years is as follows:-

Year	Flying hours	CPL
2023	4826:15	07
2024	2279	07

Aircraft Maintenance Engineering Training Institute-01

(i) M/s Utkal Aerospace & Engineering

Remote Pilot Training Organisations (RPTOs):- 03

(i) AeroPioneer Institutes Private Limited, Puri

(ii) Centurion University of Technology and Management, Paralakhemundi

(iii) SkyVan Aviation (OPC) Private Limited, Khorda

A total Total 312 Remote Pilot Certificate (RPCs) are issued by above RPTOs till date.

The steps being taken by the Government to promote skill development and employment opportunities in aviation across the country including Odisha are as follows:-

(i) In order to augment the supply of trained pilots in the country, Airports Authority of India (AAI) has brought out a liberalised FTO guidelines wherein the concept of airport royalty (revenue share payment by FTOs to Airports Authority of India (AAI)) has been abolished and land rentals have been significantly rationalised.

(ii) In 2021 and 2022, AAI awarded fifteen FTO slots at ten airports, out of which eleven FTO slots are operational.

(iii) Airports Authority of India (AAI) has recently launched an internship scheme "Pradipti" with aim to create interest in Civil Aviation among the students.

(iv) DGCA has introduced Online-On Demand Examination (OLODE) for the Aircraft Maintenance Engineers (AME) and Flying Crew (FC) candidates with effect from November 2021. This facility allows candidates to choose the date and time from the available exam slots.

(v) DGCA has modified its regulations to empower Flying Instructors with the right to authorise flight operations at FTOs. This was hitherto restricted to the Chief Flying Instructor (CFI) or Deputy CFIs only. This will help increase the flying hours and aircraft utilisation at each FTO and lead to faster completion of the CPL requirements.

(vi) The DGCA approves Drone Training Schools as per the Drone Rules 2021. Under these Rules, currently, 160 drone training schools have been approved for providing drone training/skilling across the country. Till date, these training schools have certified 22466 drone pilots.

(vii) DGCA has published a New Civil Aviation Requirements (CAR) CAR Section 7 Series I Part V dated 03.01.2025 which aims at optimum utilisation of the capacity of FTOs and enhance the number of production of CPLs.

The Rajiv Gandhi National Aviation University (RGNAU) has been established by an Act of Parliament viz. Rajiv Gandhi National Aviation University Act, 2013 at Fursatganj Amethi, Uttar Pradesh. The University has been envisaged as the Premier Institution of higher learning within the aviation milieu aimed at providing cutting edge aviation professional and

critical research to enhance the Aviation Industry in India. Presently, three courses are being offered by the University as below:

- a. Post Graduate Diploma in Airport Operations (PGDAO)**
- b. Bachelor of Management Studies in Aviation Services and Air Cargo (BMS)**
- c. Basic Fire Fighters Course (BFFC)**

Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Uran Akademi (IGRUA) established under the administrative control of Ministry of Civil Aviation as an institution of excellence since 1986 to produce world class aviation professional in the field of Commercial Pilot License (CPL) Pilots. IGRUA also provides following three courses:

- (i) English Language Proficiency (ELP) training and testing**
- (ii) Drone training in collaboration with M/s Drone Destination Pvt Ltd.**
- (iii) Aircraft Maintenance Engineering (AME) training**
