

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 678
(To be answered on the 6th February 2025)**

FLYING TRAINING INSTITUTES

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps to improve the functioning of flight training institutes and if so, the details thereof;**
(b) the details of flight training institutes across the country, State/UT-wise including Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan, Assam and North-Eastern States; and
(c) the criteria fixed for opening a new flight training institute and the details of the necessary basic facilities required in this regard?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a) Yes, MoCA has taken various initiatives for promoting and improving Flying Training in the country. In 2020, Airports Authority of India (AAI) came up with a liberalized FTO policy wherein airport royalty payments (revenue share payment by FTOs to AAI) was abolished and land rentals were significantly rationalized.

In 2021, after a competitive bidding process, AAI awarded nine FTO slots at five airports at Belagavi (Karnataka), Jalgaon (Maharashtra), Kalaburagi (Karnataka), Khajuraho (Madhya Pradesh) and Lilabari (Assam). Currently, eight of these FTO slots are operational: one each at Lilabari, Belagavi and two at Kalaburagi, Khajuraho, Jalgaon. In June 2022, after a competitive bidding process, six more FTO slots were awarded by AAI at five airports namely: Bhavnagar (Gujarat), Hubballi (Karnataka), Kadapa (Andhra Pradesh), Kishangarh (Rajasthan) and Salem (Tamil Nadu). Of these, three FTO slots at Salem, Bhavnagar and Kishangarh are operational.

