

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 705
(To be answered on the 21st November 2019)**

UDAN ACADEMY

705. MS. MIMI CHAKRABORTY

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:-

- a) whether the country has only one UDAN academy to train pilots for aviation sector for commercial pilot licensing, if so, the details thereof;
b) whether the training process and schedule are not upto the mark and time bound in terms to compete flying training therefor;
c) if so, the action proposed to be taken to train new pilots with modern technologies and airbuses support thereof;
d) the details of proposal to raise the admission intake and facilities to fulfil the demand of employment generation for the next 10 years plan period therein; and
e) the details of projected demand of pilots and present support strength in the country in the next 10 years?

ANSWER

Minister of State (IC) in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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(Shri Hardeep Singh Puri)

(a): No Sir. There are 32 DGCA approved Flying Training Organizations (FTOs) to train pilots for aviation sector for Commercial Pilot Licensing (CPL).

(b): As per the Aircraft Rules 1937, a student has to undergo 200 hours (including skill test) of flying training and to pass written exams for issuance of Commercial Pilot Licensing (CPL). The duration of completion of CPL course depends upon various factors such as student's performance, availability of aircraft, weather conditions and time taken by a student to pass the examination.

(c) to (e) : Keeping in view the projected requirement of about 800 (approx) aircrafts being inducted by scheduled domestic airlines over the period of next 7-8 years and air crew/aircraft utilization, there would be an anticipated

requirement of about 9000 (approx) pilots in the country. At present there are 07 Approved Training Organizations (ATOs) in India having 30 simulators to provide type training in addition to 32 DGCA approved Flying Training Organizations (FTOs) to train pilots for aviation sector for commercial pilot licensing (CPL). Airbus company has also established Approved Training Organization (ATO) in India to train the pilots on A-320 type of aircraft. Further, training of pilots is a continuous on-going process and approved FTOs/ATOs also keep on upgrading/upscaling their training facilities/capabilities to adopt modern technologies to meet the industry demand/requirement.
