

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 495
(To be answered on the 25th July 2024)**

POLICY FOR AIRSPACE USAGE

**495. SHRI HASMUKHBHAI SOMABHAI PATEL
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:-

- (a) the details of the recent policy changes that have been implemented to improve the efficiency of airspace usage;
- (b) the details of initiatives taken to simplify travel and lodging arrangements for religious pilgrims embarking on spiritual pilgrimages; and
- (c) the details of immersive training programs introduced to improve the skills and competencies of public service employees within the Ministry?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री

(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a): Achieving the optimal utilisation of airspace is a continuous effort that requires collaboration among all stakeholders. The Flexible Use of Airspace initiative, as an integral component of this effort, acknowledges the dynamic nature of air traffic and seeks to establish a framework for flexible and adaptive airspace management. Till date, 129 conditional routes have been instituted as a tangible outcome of this initiative.

(b): To enhance ease of travel for passengers, the Government has launched Digi Yatra for biometric-based travel using Facial Recognition Technology. The main objective of Digi Yatra Service is to elevate passenger experience by eliminating the need for manual verification of ticket and ID at multiple touch points like entry gates, security check point and boarding gates and to achieve better throughput through existing infrastructure using a Digital Framework.

(c): As part of the Mission Karmayogi initiative, the Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) has launched the Immersive Training Programme (ITP), with an aim to provide field experience to the officials of MoCA. Under this programme, training with private entities such as Airlines, Airports, Cargo, Ground Handling, General Aviation, Aerospace Manufacturing, Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO), Flying Training Organisations (FTOs), Drones etc. is

offered to the officials.
