

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3853
ANSWERED ON:17.08.2000
GLIDING TRAINING TO CADETS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of air wing NCC (Flying) units in the country and the type of training imparted by them to the cadets;
- (b) whether many of these flying units are holding life-expired gliders for a number of years and as such no gliding training is given to the cadets; and
- (c) if so, the efforts being made by the Government to provide gliders to these units?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) There are 47 Air Wing Sqns (Flying) in NCC. Apart from general NCC training common to all Wings of NCC (Navy, Army and Air), Air Wing (Flying) NCC cadets are taught aero-modelling and are graduated onto gliding.

(b) & (c): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (b) & (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3853 FOR 17.8.20

Out of total of 47 Flying Sqns 34 Flying Sqns have their own gliding facility. The remaining 13 Sqns are dependant on State and civilian clubs for flying training.

A total of 61 obsolete and life expired gliders are in the process of being phased out. 40 gliders are available for imparting training and 8 more are in the process of procurement. It is proposed to procure state of the art, powered gliders, instead of wooden gliders that have been in use so far. The specifications for these are presently being finalised in consultation with the Air Force. Additionally sixty (60) micro light aircraft are being procured for the purpose of training activity for the NCC Air Wing Cadets.