

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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STRENGTHENING OF IGRUA
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Uran Akademi (IGRUA), Fursatganj, Rae Bareli is constrained in training pilots upto its expected capacity;
- (b) if so, the reasons for such under performance; and
- (c) the steps the Government proposes to take to strengthen IGRUA?

Answer

- MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION(SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a)and (b):- Yes, Sir. The efforts of the Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Uran Akademi (IGRUA) in training pilots are constrained due to lack of adequate and modern training aids, simulators, buildings and airfield infrastructure as well as adequate manpower. Other deterring factors are the lack of uninterrupted power supply and provision of well maintained (concretized) access roads to the Akademi.

(c):- A comprehensive review of the existing infrastructure of the IGRUA has recently been carried out to assess the status and immediate requirements to bring up the core infrastructure and its facilities to meet the current requirement. Accordingly, several steps have been taken for enhancement of IGRUA that include a) commencement of Ab-initio to CPL training programme in addition to the existing PPL to CPL course; b) purchase of six new ab-initio trainer aircraft; c) purchasing Jet Planes and Simulators; d) installation of Nav Aids; e) starting Helicopter Training Programme; and f) increasing the training capacity of IGRUA from 40 students to 100 CPL holder per year.

A Committee under the Chairmanship of Capt. N.K. Dawar, Ex. Director, IGRUA has been constituted recently to prepare a comprehensive report on the immediate requirements for strengthening the infrastructure of IGRUA, including upgradation of training facilities. This Committee shall submit its report by 31st August, 2005. Necessary steps to strengthen IGRUA will be accordingly based on the recommendations of this Committee.