

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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AUDIT OF FLYING ACADEMIES

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Directorate General of Civil Aviation has conducted audit of Government and private flying academies:
- (b) if so, the details thereof, academy-wise;
- (c) whether many of the flying academies have been found guilty of violating the rules and the guidelines;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, academy wide; and
- (e) the details of the action taken by the Government against those academies?

Answer

MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS & MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI)

(a)and(b):- Yes, Madam. The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has conducted audit of 33 flying clubs. A list of audited flying clubs is annexed.

(c)and(d):- The audit was carried out with the primary aim to ensure that they are functioning as per the existing guidelines and have facilities and system in place for conduct of flying, training and maintenance of aircraft. During the audit following deficiencies were detected:

- (i) Non Upkeep of documents.
- (ii) Dossiers are not being maintained properly.
- (iii) Insufficient ground Instructors.
- (iv) Fuel Mismanagement, False entries in authorization books
- (v) Contingency plan not available
- (vi) Emergency plan for accident to aircraft is not available.
- (vii) First Aid medicine expired.
- (viii) Insufficient books in Library.
- (ix) Earthing Point in Hanger.
- (x) Tarmac not properly maintained.
- (xi) Long grass on side strips of Taxiways.
- (xii) Incursion of runway during operation.
- (xiii) No Boundary wall around operational area.
- (xiv) Obstacle light on Hanger and surrounding area.
- (xv) Battery charging equipment not calibrated.
- (xvi) Firefighting equipment not well equipped.

(e) On the basis of observation, approval was suspended in respect of Bombay Flying Club and Blrmi Flying Academy P. Ltd.