



# ICAO

*International Civil Aviation Organization*

## SEVENTH MEETING OF SPECTRUM REVIEW WORKING GROUP (SRWG/7)

Bangkok, Thailand, 7-9 May 2025

### Agenda Item 10: States and Regional updates

#### Requirement of VHF for Flying Training Institutes.

(Presented by India)

#### SUMMARY

This paper presents information about the increasing requirement of VHF spots for Flying Training Institutes.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

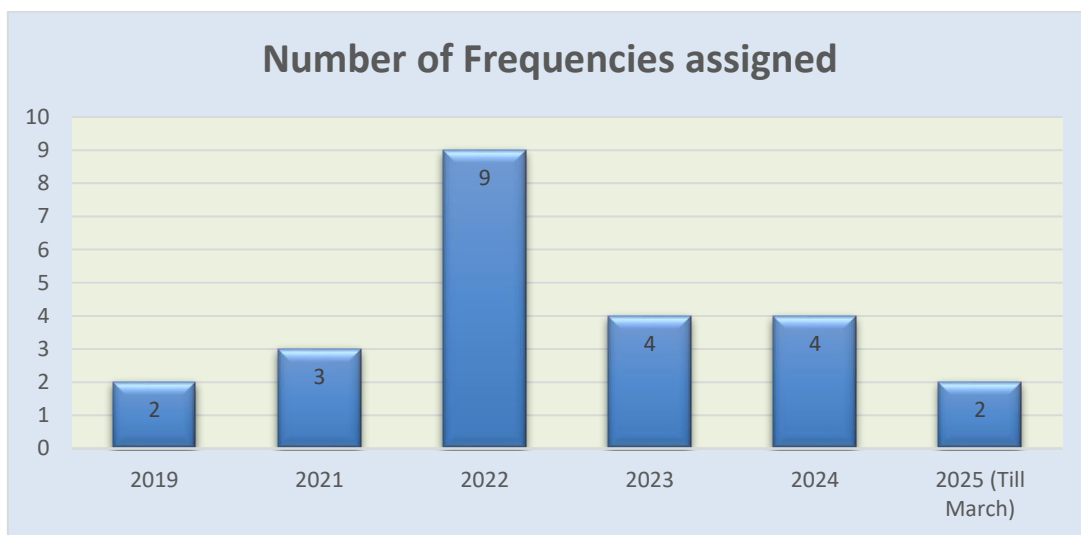
- 1.1 In India, Flying Training Institutes (FTIs) are established as per Section-7 (Flight Crew Standards, Training & Licensing), Series-D, Part-I of Civil Aviation Requirements (CARs) specified by Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) under Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA), Govt. of India, which are reviewed as per international practices from time to time.
- 1.2 As on December-2024, 38 Flying Training Organizations (FTOs) are licensed by DGCA India to establish FTIS at 57 locations between 2020-2024 and many are in the process of getting DGCA approval.
- 1.3 Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA)-Government of India in 2022, has approved the guidelines for liberalized FTOs wherein the concept of airport royalty (revenue share payment by FTOs to Airports Authority of India) has been abolished and land rentals have been significantly rationalized
- 1.4 DGCA-India has modified its regulations to empower Flying Instructors with the right to authorize flight operations at FTOs. This was earlier restricted to the Chief Flying Instructor (CFI) or Deputy CFIs only.

### 2. DISCUSSION

- 2.1 Due to increasing number of FTOs, requirement for air-ground VHF communication for the same is increasing.

Sr. No.	Year	Number of Frequencies assigned
1	2019	2
2	2021	3

3	2022	9
4	2023	4
5	2024	4
6	2025 (Till March)	2
	<b>Total</b>	24



- 2.2 Required coverage for these FTOs varies from 5-50 NM as per the required training circuit. Based on the requirement, currently VHF spots for these FTOs are being assigned in the VHF Sub band for AOC (i.e. 128.825-132.025 MHz).
- 2.3 In view of the rising demand of VHF spots for Flying Training Operations, it is proposed that there should be a dedicated group of the frequencies within VHF Sub Band 128.825-132.025 MHz for this purpose.

### 3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

- 3.1 The meeting is invited to:
- a) note the information contained in this paper; and
  - b) discuss any relevant matter as appropriate

-----