

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 5461
(To be answered on the 3rd April 2025)**

BALLOONING INTERNATIONAL EVENT

5461. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether it is a fact that a Ballooning International Event is held in the country;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the locations and frequency of the event;**
- (c) whether the Government has provided any financial or other support to the organizing committee for promoting the event internationally;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof including the amount of financial assistance, logistical aid and policy incentives provided; and**
- (e) whether the Government has any plans to further promote ballooning as an aero sport in the country through policy initiatives or international collaborations and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a) & (b) The Plenary Meeting of the Ballooning Commission (CIA) of the Federation Aeronautique Internationale (FAI), the World Air Sports Body, was hosted in India by Aero Club of India- National Airport Control from 12th to 15th March 2025 at New Delhi. This is an annual event and is traditionally hosted by a member country or the FAI Headquarters in Lausanne, Switzerland. This was held in India for the first time. This milestone event significantly bolstered India's prominence within the international ballooning community, while elevating its reputation in hosting prestigious international forums.

(c) & (d) The Ministry has sanctioned a grant of Rs.35 lakhs for hosting of the Plenary Meeting of the Ballooning from 12th to 15th March 2025.

(e) The major step taken by Government to make India one of the top Air Sports nations is the promulgation of National Air Sports Guidelines (NASG)

in August 2023 by Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA). The main objectives of NASG published by Ministry of Civil Aviation include the following:

- i) Promote an air sports culture in the country including ballooning.
- ii) Enable adoption of international standard and good practices in safety air sports infrastructure, equipment, operations and maintenance and training
- iii) Develop a simple, stakeholder-friendly transparent, accountable and effective governance structure
- iv) Enhance participation and success of Indian sportspersons in global air sports events and
- v) Promote design, development and manufacturing of air sports equipment in India in line with the Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan.
