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Title: Need to recognize the three years certificate course of Aircraft Maintenance Engineering at par with Graduation.

SHRIMATI RAKSHATAI KHADSE (RAVER): Keeping in view the need of the expanding field of aviation and requirement of specially trained personnel for the aircraft maintenance, the Director General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has introduced a three-year certificate course "Aircraft Maintenance Engineering". Since long it has been training the personnel at various places across India through private institutions registered with DGCA. As on today, 53 such private institutes/organizations are on the approved criteria of DGCA. The course is having full three-year duration and after successful completion the "Certificate of Competency" is issued to the candidates. The pre-requisite qualification for admission to this course is 10+2. It has been learnt that many candidates after successful completion of course are presently facing serious survival issues. As because they have undergone specific training of aircraft maintenance and having only course competency certificate they are not eligible to appear for any of the examinations for which Graduation is the minimum qualification. These candidates have undergone special training in the maintenance of aircraft. By following the same pattern of 10+2+3 which is the normal Graduation pattern in any of the stream in India. In view of a number of candidates joining and passing every year which is not less than 5000 to 6000 and with limited intake in this field, the candidates must be allowed to switch to other stream for better career prospects. There are a large number of AME Course Completed candidates also who are unemployed or because of the constraints of the Certificate, they are not eligible to apply in any other field. Even the private companies are not considering them for job. Hence, I request to grant such candidates the status of being graduate.