

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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SHORTAGE OF PILOTS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether there is a shortage of pilots in the Indian Air Force (IAF);
- (b) if so, whether IAF has requested the Government to permit Short Service Commission (SSC) male officers to become pilots in order to overcome the present shortage;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the response of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) to (d): While there is an overall shortage of pilots in the Indian Air Force (IAF), the shortage does not affect the operational status of the squadrons. The IAF have submitted a proposal to the Government for approval, inter-alia, for introduction of the Short Service Commission Scheme for men in Flying branch of the IAF. Sustained efforts are made to review and augment the manpower requirements of the IAF on a continuous basis.