

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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NEW PILOT TRAINING INSTITUTE/ ACADEMY

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been acute shortage of pilots in the country due to steep rise in the aviation sector;
- (b) if so, whether the Government is planning to set up a new pilot training institute/academy and strengthen the existing institute/academy in the country to meet the growing demand of pilots;
- (c) if so, the detailed strategy chalked out by the Government in this regard;
- (d) the total funds likely to be spent by the Government on modernisation and setting up of a new academy in the near future;
- (e) whether the Government is also planning to explore possibilities of joint-ventures for the new pilot training institutes; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the progress made so far in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) and (b):- Yes, Sir.

(c), (d), (e) and (f):- The Government propose to upgrade Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Uran Akademi, Rae Bareli at an estimated cost of Rs. 57 crores, approximately. This includes induction of single engine and multi engine aircraft, rebuilding of helicopters, modernisation of runway, construction of additional building for hostel, hangar and office and acquisition of the adjacent Sultanpur airfield. The upgradation would increase its output from 40 trainees per year to 100 trainees per year. The new institute is proposed to be set up at Gondia in Maharashtra. Final decision on the structure of the proposed institute is yet to be taken.