

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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Foreign Pilots Working for Airlines in India  
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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of foreign pilots working for Indian private and public airlines;
- (b) whether any Indian pilots are working for foreign airlines operating to and from India;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether arrangements have been made for imparting specialised training for helicopter pilots; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

- (a):- A total number of 398 foreign pilots are working for scheduled airlines in India, with 325 pilots working in Private airlines and 73 pilots in Public airlines.
- (b) and (c):- Government does not maintain records regarding employment of Indian pilots with foreign airlines.
- (d) and (e):-Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) is an approved Flying Training Institute imparting helicopter training to pilots upto Commercial Helicopter Pilot Licence (CHPL) level.