

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1727  
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ENHANCEMENT IN FLYING HOURS  
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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether in a bid to tide over the massive pilot shortage the Government proposes to increase the flying hours for the pilots;
- (b) if so, whether Directorate General of Civil Aviation has issued any directive affecting increase in the flying hours of the pilots;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the extent to which the increase in flying hours of pilots are likely to put stress on pilots and violate safety norms;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the corrective measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

- (a):- No, Sir.
- (b),(c),(d), (e) and (f):- Do not arise.