

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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PROVISION OF AFFORDABLE TRAINING TO PILOTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of pilots training institutes in the Country run by the Government and the Private management;
- (b) whether the Government is aware that the training course is very costly for the candidates who desire to get commercial pilot licence in India;
- (c) if so, whether there is any policy formulated for training at affordable cost through the Government and Private Training Institutes in India;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) if not the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to train the pilots at affordable cost in India?

Answer

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

(a):- There are 42 flying training institutes in the country of which 26 are operational which provide training for various licences like Private Pilot Licence, Commercial Pilot Licence etc. 14 of these operational institutes are run by various State Governments, while the Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Uran Akademi (IGRUA) is an autonomous society under the Central Government. The remaining 11 institutes are run by private entrepreneurs.

(b):- The cost of flying training is commensurate with cost of inputs for such training.

(c) and (d):- In accordance with the Government policy, Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has adopted a scheme for awarding scholarships to 40 SC/ST candidates for free flying training upto Private Pilot Licence (PPL) level. Ministry of Tribal Affairs also has a scheme for providing free flying training to 10 ST candidates upto Commercial Pilot Licence (CPL) level.

(e):- Does not arise.

(f):- The training cost in the Government Flying Training Institutes has been fixed by DGCA at the rate of Rs. 3720/- per hour. Also the flying training at Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Uran Akademi has been subsidised by way of Grants - in - Aid from the Government and the national carriers.