

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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INCREASE IN RETIREMENT AGE

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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) the estimate cost to be borne by an Airline in imparting training a Commander;
- (b) whether Indian Airlines and Air India are considering to increase the retirement age;
- (c) if so, the details in this regard;
- (d) the number of existing fleet and pilots as on date with both Airlines and the number of pilots required to handle the existing fleet, Airline-wise;
- (e) whether international standards of flying are strictly followed by these airlines; and
- (f) if not, the steps taken by the Government to follow such standards?

**Answer**

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

(a): The estimated cost involved in imparting the total training to a Commander in Air India is approximately Rs.90 lakhs. As regards Indian Airlines, the in-house cost of training of a pilot from induction to the level of Commander as per current requirements and standards is Rs.67 lakhs.

(b): No, Sir.

(c): Does not arise.

(d): The total number of aircraft in Air India's fleet at present is 36. The total number of pilots are 503 as against the standard force requirement of 640.

Indian Airlines including Alliance Air has a fleet of 61 aircraft. The number of Pilots required for handling the fleet works out to 631 and the number of Pilots available at present is 568.

(e): Yes, Sir.

(f): Does not arise.