

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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FOREIGN PILOTS IN DOMESTIC AIRLINES  
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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether foreign pilots are working with domestic airlines in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, Airline-wise;
- (c) whether some foreign pilots were deported from the country recently; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a):- Yes, Sir.

(b):- The number of foreign pilots working in India as on 01.01.2010 are Go Air - 4; Blue Dart - 7; Alliance Air - 23; Kingfisher Airlines - 139; Jet Airways - 137; Air India (including Air India Express) - 136; Jetlite - 3; Indigo - 41; Deccan Cargo - 7; Paramount Airways - 22; Spice Jet - 42 and Jagson - 1.

(c) and (d):- Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) only validates the foreign licences of aircrew. No foreign pilot has been deported on the instance of DGCA. However, as per data available with DGCA, 124 foreign pilots have been phased out by various airlines since June, 2009 till 01.01.2010.