

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:384
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FOREIGN FLIGHT CREW IN INDIAN CARRIERS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of foreign pilots/ commanders/ captains presently employed in Indian air carriers;
- (b) the details of shortage of trained pilots/ commanders/ captains in the country including the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the domestic airlines are reluctant to recruit Indian pilots;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the Director General of Civil Aviation has laid down rules/guidelines to phase out foreign flight crews;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) the measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (g):- A Statement is laid on the Table of the House. Statement referred to in parts (a) to (g) of Lok Sabha Starred Question () No.384 for 30-07-2009 regarding 'Foreign Flight Crew in Indian Carriers'.

(a):- 666 and 20 foreign pilots are working in Indian Carriers as Pilot - in - Command and Co - Pilot respectively.

(b): There is no shortage of pilots in the country. However, there is a shortage of type rated Commanders in some category of aircraft, which is primarily due to induction of new type of aircraft.

(c) to (g):- All domestic airlines, have their own recruitment and training policies and normally Government does not interfere in such matters. However, guidelines have been issued by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) in the form of Civil Aviation Requirements (CAR) Section 7, Series G, Part II dated 08-10-1999 revised on 01st November, 2006, which require the airlines to adopt effective training programmes for their Indian pilots for endorsement on the type of aircraft operated by the airlines, to replace foreign pilots after completion of training.