

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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SHORTAGE OF TRAINED PILOTS  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Indian Air Force is facing acute shortage of trained Pilots;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to overcome this problem;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to issue fresh licences/permission to set up more Air Force Training Institutes in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

- (a) & (b): The available strength of pilots in Air Force is sufficient to meet the current operational requirements of the Indian Air Force.
- (c) & (d): Matters such as consideration of grant of licenses to set up more Air Force Training Institutes are reviewed continuously keeping in view the specific requirements, existing facilities, etc. This is a continuous process.