

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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PROFICIENCY TEST
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a): whether as per International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) guidelines English language proficiency test is a must for all pilots, flight engineers and air traffic controllers;
- (b): if so, whether most of the expat pilots recruited by various airlines do not have the necessary English language skill;
- (c): if so, the details thereof; and
- (d): the steps taken by the Government to comply with the requirements of the ICAO?

Answer

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

(a): Yes Madam.

(b): No Madam.

(c) to (d): To ensure compliance of International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) requirements for English language proficiency for pilots (including expat pilots), flight engineers and air traffic controllers, proficiency levels and procedure for evaluation and endorsement of the level of proficiency have been laid down in Civil Aviation Requirement (CAR) and Aeronautical Information Circulars (AIC) issued by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation. The English language proficiency of expat pilots is checked by DGCA board to ensure compliance of the CAR.