

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3691  
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SALARY TO PILOTS  
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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Air India is paying 25 per cent more to foreign pilots in comparison to Indian pilots;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether this type of attitude would impact negatively the psyche and professional approach of Indian pilots;
- (d) whether foreign pilots are appointed by Air India while neglecting Indian pilots;
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the details of the number of pilots working at present in Air India?

**Answer**

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

- (a): No, Madam.
- (b): Does not arise.
- (c): No, Madam.
- (d): No, Madam. The foreign pilots are hired only to meet the shortage of Indian Commanders.
- (e): Does not arise.
- (f): At present, 1077 pilots are working in Air India and its subsidiaries.