

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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SHORTAGE OF STAFF IN DGCA
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) is grossly understaffed to ensure the safety of booming air traffic;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of the sanctioned and actual strength of staff in different grades of the DGCA;
- (d) the extent to which passenger safety aspect has been affected by such inadequate manpower in DGCA; and
- (e) the time frame within which all the vacancies are likely to be filled?

Answer

MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS & MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI)

(a) and (b):- Though Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) is facing manpower constraints, it is fulfilling its commitments towards aviation safety by recruiting experts on secondment or on short term contract basis till the vacant posts are filled on regular basis.

(c):- Out of 597 sanctioned posts in Group `A`, 142 have been filled up on regular basis. Apart from this 96 posts have been filled up by consultants on short term contract basis and another 39 on secondment basis. In Group B out of 31 sanctioned posts, 14 are occupied. In Group C and D out of 369 sanctioned posts, 269 are occupied on regular basis.

(d):- Shortage of manpower is not affecting passenger safety as DGCA is managing its regulatory functions by prioritizing them appropriately and by recruiting experts on secondment/ contract basis.

(e):- As per the Phasing Plan approved by Department of Expenditure, the posts are required to be filled by 30.4.2012. Ministry has taken up the matter with UPSC at the level of Secretary for expeditious finalisation of recruitment.