

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:41

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EXPERIENCED PILOTS TO FLY DURING ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether taking into consideration the safety of the passengers the Government has issued instructions to all Airlines Operator Companies to permit only those pilots to fly aircraft during adverse weather condition and heavy rain who have more than hundred hours of flight experience; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) and (b):- Yes, Sir. Operations Circular No. 10 of 2009 dated 22.04.2009 regarding `Adverse Weather/ Monsoon Operations` issued by Directorate General of Civil Aviation specifies the flying experience/ training requirement for release of pilots during adverse conditions. As per this circular pilots obtaining commander rating are required to be subjected to adverse weather/monsoon training and two sector adverse weather qualification route checks before being released to fly as Pilot - in - Command (PIC) in such conditions. In addition, he should have operated as Pilot 2 during a minimum of one monsoon season and should have atleast 100 hours PIC experience before taking up Route Checks.