

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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AI FLIGHTS AND SHORTAGE OF PILOTS  
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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) the total number of daily Domestic and International flights of Air India and total number of Pilots available to fly the aircrafts;
- (b) whether there is a shortage of flying schools in the country to train the pilots;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether any assessment in regard to the requirement of pilots in the future has been made by the Government keeping in view the expansion of the aviation sector and increasing number of air passengers;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Government to open more training institutes to train the pilots alongwith the outcome thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI AJIT SINGH)

- (a): The total number of daily domestic and international flights operated by Air India is 504 and the total number of pilots available to fly the aircraft is 1533. In addition to the above, 9 pilots in Air India for narrow body and 15 for wide body aircraft have been engaged on contract.
- (b)to(f): No, Madam.
- (d)to(f): While there is an adequate number of pilots in the country, there is a shortage of Commanders. This category can be filled up only when junior pilots add enough hours of experience to qualify as Commanders.