

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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SHORTAGE OF PILOTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Air India proposes to hire new pilots to meet the shortage of pilots with them;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the steps taken in this regard;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to meet the requirements of the expanding Aviation sector in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI AJIT SINGH)

- (a) and (b): Yes, Madam. An advertisement has been published in leading Newspapers, Employment News and on Air India website.
- (c): Not applicable in view of reply to (a) and (b) above.
- (d): In order to meet the requirement of expanding aviation sector in the country, the Government is planning to open a National Aviation University to cater to the rising demand of technical manpowers. Further, Indira Gandhi Uran Akadami (IGRUA) is also being strengthened to train more pilots.