

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4593  
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ATC SYSTEM  
Singh Shri Pradeep Kumar

**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there is shortage of staff/expert employees in the Air Traffic Control (ATC) System;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether such shortage is likely to have an adverse impact on landing and take off of the aircrafts thereby leading to grave security risks; and
- (d) if so, the action plan formulated by the Government to deal with such problems and to fill the vacant posts within a prescribed time frame?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION ( SHRI AJIT SINGH )

- (a) & (b): Yes, Madam. At present the actual strength of ATCOs is 2153 against the sanctioned strength of 2417.
- (c): No, Madam. Concerns of passenger safety is taken care of adequately and safety is never compromised.
- (d): Action has been taken to fill up the vacant posts by recruiting 200 controllers in 2012.