

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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DEFICIENCY OF PILOTS IN IAF
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian Air Force (IAF) is facing acute shortage of pilots;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the IAF is considering to induct 220 pilot every six months; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b): The available strength of pilots in Air Force is sufficient to meet the current operational requirements of the Indian Air Force (IAF). The strength of pilots as on 1st March 2013 is 3410 against the sanctioned strength of 3925.

(c) & (d): Based on the planned induction of new Aircraft and Weapon Systems in the XIth plan, about 440 pilots are required to be inducted in the IAF per annum.