

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5
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SHORTAGE OF PILOTS IN AIR INDIA
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is shortage of pilots in Air India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Air India is considering to recruit more pilots;
- (d) whether it is also true that instead of recruiting more pilots from India, Air India is considering to employ foreign pilots; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the expenditure expected to be incurred in comparison to the expenditure on Indian pilots?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI K. C. VENUGOPAL)

- (a) No, Madam. At Present, Air India is able to meet the operational requirement of the fleet with the existing strength of Pilots.
- (b) Does not arise, in view of (a) above.
- (c) Requirement of pilots by an airlines depends upon many factors like the fleet strength, aircraft type, routes etc., and is reviewed periodically. At present, no proposal for induction of pilots is under consideration.
- (d) No, Madam. There is no proposal for induction of foreign pilots.
- (e) Does not arise, in view of (d) above.