

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:94
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SHORTAGE OF TRAINED PILOTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is an acute shortage of trained pilots in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the extent to which the expansion of the aviation sector is affected as a result thereof;
- (d) the estimated number of trained pilots required over the next three years;and
- (e) the steps being taken to meet the requirement during the said period?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) to (e):- A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in the parts (a) to (e) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question () for 09/07/2009 regarding "Shortage of Trained Pilots".

(a) and (b) There is no shortage of pilots.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The requirement of trained pilots is a dynamic phenomenon depending on airline operations and type of aircraft used.

(e) In order to have desired quality pilots over a long period, the Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Uran Akademi (IGRUA) has been modernised through upgradation of infrastructure and providing funds for additional trainer aircraft to increase its annual capacity from forty to hundred cadets. A world-class flying training institute at Gondia in Maharashtra has been set up with capacity to train 110 candidates annually which include 10 candidates for Commercial Helicopter Pilot Licence training. Other flying clubs are also supported by Government by providing trainer aircraft through Directorate General of Civil Aviation and Aero-Club of India. Further, Helicopter Licence holders have also been allowed to convert their helicopter licence to Commercial Pilot Licence (aeroplane) by doing 100 hours conversion flying.