

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) Whether a US Aviation body is scheduled to conduct an audit of Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) and for the purpose the later proposes to hire 20 pilots both foreign nationals and retired Indian pilots as inspectors at exorbitant costs;
- (b) If so, the details thereof;
- (c) Whether the Government is considering to constitute a regular body to conduct internal audit to avoid down grading of India Aviation System by foreign bodies; and
- (d) If so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) and (b) : The US Aviation body FAA has carried out audit of India under the `International Aviation Safety Assessment Programme` (IASA) of the US. FAA audit team visited India from 9-13 September 2013 followed by an assessment from 11-13 December, 2013.

In order to address the audit findings on lack of adequate and qualified manpower in the area of flight operations DGCA has obtained approval of Government for creation of posts of 75 Inspectors in various grade in Flight Standard Directorate. In the first phase applications have been invited for 58 positions on ad-hoc basis on contract against 75 newly created regular posts.

(c) and (d): DGCA regularly reviews its requirements and findings of ICAO including FAA and takes steps to address the same.