

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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SHORTAGE OF CO PILOTS

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that Aviation Industry reels under severe shortage of co-pilots;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government had made advertisements to fill up the vacancies of co-pilots;
- (d) if so, the number of applications received in response to said advertisements and the extent to which the vacancies have been filled up;
- (e) whether there was a very poor response to the advertisements; and
- (f) if so, the reasons therefor and the action being taken by the Union Government to attract the pilots towards Indian Aviation Industry?

Answer

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

- (a) Sufficient numbers of commercial pilot license holders are available in the country who can be employed as co-pilots by airlines.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) Recruitment of co-pilots is the prerogative of airlines and depends on vacancy & requirement of airlines.
- (d) to (f): Do not arise in view of (c) above.