

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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JOBLESS PILOTS

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government is aware that the country has more than 10000 pilots (CPL Holders) without job and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) Whether it is true that despite so many pilots jobless in the country various air lines are still operating with expat pilots and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) Whether Government proposes to issue directives to all Airlines including Air India to send back the expat pilots immediately and recruit pilots only from these 10000 jobless plots in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) Whether Government will take necessary action to provide jobs to all these jobless pilots in Government as well as various private airlines; and
- (e) If so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefore?

Answer

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

- (a) No such data is maintained in the Ministry.
- (b) Various air lines are operating with expat pilots due shortage of type rated commanders (Type rated Pilots or Pilot in command) in the country. This has occurred due to growth in aviation industry and induction of new Aircrafts in the fleet of the airlines. Though sufficient numbers of co-pilots are available and employed with the airlines. These co-pilots do not possess sufficient training and experience as required to become commander (Type rated pilot) on that type.
- (c) Indian pilots which are inducted by Airlines and are eligible to become PIC as per the policy of Airlines are being trained by them to phase out Expat pilots. The details of foreign pilots employed by various companies are at Annexure.
- (d) The government takes necessary action to promote Civil Aviation Sector which is liberalised sector open to market forces of demand and supply. Accordingly employment opportunity to pilots in Private Sector as well as Government Sector is depend on the growth and condition of the economy.
- (e) Does not arise in view of the (d) above.