

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3505  
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SALARY TO FOREIGN PILOTS  
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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Air India has been providing 25 per cent more salary to foreign pilots as against their Indian counterparts;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether this approach would not leave an adverse affect on the morale and professional interest of the Indian pilots;
- (d) whether Air India recruits foreign pilots ignoring the Indian pilots; and
- (e) the details of pilots working with the Air India at present.

**Answer**

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

- (a) and (b): There is no difference in the overall wage package of foreign pilots versus Indian Pilots.
- (c)and (d): No, Sir.
- (e): At present, 151 foreign pilots are working in Air India.