

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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FLYING TRAINING ABROAD
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that a large number of students go abroad for training in flying courses;
- (b) the reasons for which Indian students give preference to such courses in the foreign countries; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to open more institutes/colleges imparting training in flying courses, so as to check this unhealthy trend among the Indian students?

Answer

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

- (a) Ministry of Civil Aviation does not maintain any such records.
- (b) and (c) Training in India or abroad is a matter of individual choice and mandatory permission of DGCA is not required for ab initio flying training abroad. Government has taken various steps for augmenting training infrastructure in India by upgradation and modernisation of training infrastructure of Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Uran Akademi (IGRUA) to enhance its training capacity, setting up of world class National Flying Training Institute (NFTI) at Gondia, Maharashtra and assistance to flying clubs by allocating trainer aircraft through the Directorate General of Civil Aviation/Aero Club of India.