

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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COMMERCIAL PILOT LICENCE HOLDERS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of unemployed Commercial Pilot Licence (CPL) holders in the country at present ;
- (b) whether the Government has taken any steps to employ Indian CPLs holders rather than hiring expert pilots ; and
- (c) if so, the details therefor and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION (Dr Mahesh Sharma)

(a) No such data is available in the Ministry

(b) to (c) There is a shortage of type rated Commanders in the country due to growth in aviation industry and induction of new aircraft in the fleet of the airlines. However, 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 on that type.

To cover the shortage of commanders and to provide experience and training to above mentioned co-pilots so that they can be upgraded to commanders validation of foreign pilots is done as per CAR Section-7, Flight Crew Standards, Series `G1 Part-II dated 01st December 2010. The strength of foreign pilots have decreased in the subsequent years as more and more Indian co-pilots are upgraded to commanders.