

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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Psychometric Tests for Pilots

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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

(a) the medical standards set for pilots and flight crews of the Indian Carriers along with the cockpit policy adopted by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA);

(b) whether DGCA proposes to review the said rules/cockpit policy and adopt a four-level Psychometric tests for pilots to prevent the occurrence of incidents like Germanwings crash;

(c) if so, the details and the present status thereof;

(d) whether DGCA has set up any panel in this regard and if so, the details thereof along with the suggestions made by the panel and the action taken by the Government thereon; and

(e) the other safety/precautionary measures being taken by the Government?

**Answer**

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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(a) The Medical standards of pilots/co-pilots for commercial flying are equivalent to the medical standards of Class-1 medical assessment enumerated in International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) Annexure 1, Chapter 6 and medical requirements laid down by DGCA as per CAR Section 7, Part 1 dated 26th Aug 1999. In addition, DGCA has issued Aeronautical Information Circulars (AICs) on certain medical conditions for experienced pilots as guidelines. These are available on DGCA website - [www.dgca.nic.in](http://www.dgca.nic.in)

(b)-(e) With regards to cockpit policy, DGCA has already issued Air Safety Circular 3/2010 regarding manning of cockpit during non-critical phases of flight. It mandates that in case one pilot leaves the flight deck, cabin crew shall be in the flight deck and will occupy one of the observer seat.

DGCA has also constituted a working group to carry out study and recommend "Policy on Manning of Cockpit and Medical/Psychometric Test for Flight Crew". The report of this working group is presently placed on the DGCA website for public comments.

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