

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 962
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 19th December 2018)

FOREIGN PILOTS EMPLOYED BY VARIOUS AIRLINES IN THE COUNTRY

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

- (a) the total number of foreign pilots employed by various airlines in the country, airline-wise;
- (b) whether the aviation industry is witnessing any stagnation in terms of opportunities to Indian pilots to enhance their training skills;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government to replace foreign pilots with Indian pilots;
- (d) whether Government has assessed the requirement of pilots in the country, if so, the details thereof and the measures taken by Government in this regard; and
- (e) the anticipated time-frame by when all the trained foreign pilots of scheduled carriers would finally be repatriated?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

- (a) The total number of foreign pilots employed by various airlines in the country, airline-wise is enclosed as Annexure I.
- (b) & (c) The number of Indian pilots upgraded as Pilot-in-Command/ Commander after obtaining training by various airlines during period from January 2018 to September 2018 are attached as Annexure II. Further, all the Schedule and Non-Schedule airlines have been advised to develop their own in house strength to reduce the dependency on the foreign pilots. Airlines are required to submit their phase out plan of foreign pilots periodically. The details of phased out foreign pilots by domestic airlines in the year 2018 is at Annexure II.
- (d) Keeping in view the projected requirements of 1043 aircraft to be inducted by scheduled domestic airlines over a period of next eight years and air crew/ aircraft utilization, there will be anticipated requirement of about 12516 pilots in the country.
- (e) The provision of utilization of foreign pilots by Indian operators is upto 31.12.2020.

ANNEXURE I

List of Foreign Pilots Employed by Indian Operators (Till 15.12.2018)

S.No.	Airlines	No. of Pilots
1	Air Asia	15
2	Air India Express Ltd.	16
3	Alliance Air	66
4	Blue Dart	2
5	Go Airline	31
6	Indigo	93
7	Jet Airways	37
8	Spice Jet	19
9	Vistara	3
10	TrueJet	13
11	Zoom Air	3
12	Air Odisha	1
13	Deccan Charter	3
14	Non Scheduled	22
	Total	324

ANNEXURE-II

Number of Indian Pilots upgraded as Pilot-in-Command & Phased out Foreign pilots during period from Jan, 2018 to Sept, 2018 (Airline-wise)

S.No.	Operator	No. of Indian Pilots upgraded as Pilot-in-Command From Jan.,2018 to Sept., 2018	Phased out foreign pilots period from Jan., 2018 to Sept., 2018
1.	Alliance Air	02	00
2.	Air India Express Ltd.	16	11
3.	Air Asia	41	07
4.	Blue Dart	04	04
5.	Go Airlines	19	10
6.	INDIGO	198	06
7.	Jet Airways	150	12
8.	Spice Jet	62	02
9.	Vistara	17	01
10.	Air India	50	N.A.(No foreign pilots employed)