GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
Rajya Sabha
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TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 14th March 2022

SHORTAGE OF PILOTS

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

(a) whether there is a shortage of pilots in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has any details about the number of pilots in the country; and

(c) if so, the number of pilots recruited in the country during the last three years, year-wise?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION (GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD))

(a) to (c) There is no shortage of pilots in the country. However, there is a shortage of commanders on certain types of aircraft and the same is being managed by utilizing foreign pilots by issuing Foreign Aircrew Temporary Authorization (FATA). Currently, there are 87 FATA holders in India.

Currently, there are around 9,000 pilots employed with various airline operators in India.

The number of pilots recruited in the country during the last three years is as under:

Year	:	2019	2020	2021
Number of pilots recruited:		2,368	400	296

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