

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 170
(To be answered on the 2nd February 2017)**

USE OF FAULTY SIMULATORS FOR TRAINING PILOTS

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government has received any report/complaint regarding use of faulty simulators for training pilots;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto;
- (c) the reasons for use of faulty simulator by Air India and the action proposed to be taken against those responsible for the lapses putting the safety of the commuters in grave danger;
- (d) the steps taken to provide best and accurate apparatus for training of pilots;
- (e) whether there is shortage of trained pilots and airlines are increasingly hiring foreign pilots to operate aircraft, if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the number of public and private pilot training facilities in the country, State/UT-wise and the average cost of pilot training in the country?

ANSWER

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(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a) & (b) An anonymous report was received by DGCA from CVC regarding use of unserviceable B - 787 simulator.

The matter was investigated and it was established that there was a faulty wire in the Simulator at times making intermittent connection. The faulty wire was replaced. The defect did not affect the quality of training.

(c) & (d) does not arise

(e) There is a shortage of type rated commander in the country due to growth in aviation industry and induction of new aircraft in the fleet of airlines. To cover the shortage of type rated pilots, validation of foreign pilots is done as per rule 45 of Aircraft Rules, 1937. However, sufficient numbers of Indian 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.

The number of foreign pilots employed by Indian Operators as on dated 31.12.2016 is attached at Annexure - I.

(f) There are 29 Flying Training organizations approved by DGCA for Pilot Training up to CPL level. Out of 29 Flying Training organizations, 6 are in UP, 5 in Maharashtra, 4 each in Madhya Pradesh and Telangana, 2 each in Karnataka and Gujarat and 1 each in Haryana, Uttarakhand, Bihar, Orissa, Rajasthan and Punjab respectively.

DGCA does not regulate financial aspect of any FTO hence matter of the cost of pilot training is beyond the scope and functions of DGCA.

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Annexure - I

Name of Operator	Number
Air India	37
Jet Airways	130
Spicejet	05
Blug Dart	05
Indigo	75
Alliance Air	38
Go Airlines	08
Air Asia	03
Air Costa	10
Non Scheduled / Other Operators	67
Total	378

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