

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1093  
(To be answered on the 21<sup>st</sup> December 2017)

Unemployed CPL Holders

1093. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION  
नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the number of unemployed Indian Commercial Pilot Licence (CPL) holders has increased over the last five years;  
(b) if so, the details thereof, year-wise and the reasons therefor;  
(c) the number of foreign pilots employed by Aviation Companies over the last five years, airline/year-wise;  
(d) whether the Government proposes to establish a system to develop home-grown talent so that the dependency on expatriate pilots is minimized; and  
(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION  
नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

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- (a) & (b) No such data is maintained by the Ministry/DGCA.  
(c) The number of foreign pilots employed by Aviation Companies over the last five years is at Annexure 1.  
(d) & (e) Yes, Madam. All the operators/ Airlines have been directed to develop their in- house strength to minimize the dependency on expatriate pilots. Accordingly operators train and upgrade the inducted Indian pilots to reduce the number of expatriate pilots and submit the phase out programme to DGCA on a regular basis. The details of phased out foreign pilots as per phase out programme submitted by Airlines/ Operators in the year 2017 is at Annexure 2.

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Annexure1

Airline/Operator wise details of FATA for last five years.

OPERATOR	No. of Foreign Pilot employed as on 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec, 2013	No. of Foreign Pilot employed as on 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec, 2014	No. of Foreign Pilot employed as on 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec,2015	No. of Foreign Pilot employed as on 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec,2016	No. of Foreign Pilot employed as on 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec,2017
AIR INDIA CHARTERS LIMITED	15	12	09	37	26
JET AIRWAYS	94	96	79	130	45
SPICEJET	21	07	05	05	20
BLUE DART	05	05	04	05	03
INDIGO AIRLINES	47	66	92	75	59
ALLIANCE AIR	10	08	10	38	40
AIR ASIA	NIL	03	06	03	19
AIR COSTA	NIL	24	12	10	NIL
TATA SIA (VISTARA) AIRLINES	NIL	Nil	02	Nil	03
GO AIRLINES	NIL	Nil	14	08	06
TURBO MEGA AIRWAYS	NIL	Nil	05	07	13
AIR PEGASUS	NIL	Nil	04	Nil	NIL
NON SCHEDULE/OTHER OPERATORS	75	48	38	60	15
TOTAL	267	269	280	378	249

Annexure 2

Details of phase out foreign pilots as per phase out programme submitted by  
airline/operator in year 2017

Sl. No.	Operator	Number of Indian pilots upgraded as PIC /Co-pilot		Number of foreign pilots phase out
		PIC	Co-pilot	
1	Air India Express Limited	33	44	13
2	Airline Allied Services Ltd. (Alliance Air)	05	29	04
3	Jet Airways (India) Ltd. (Jet Airways)	47	94	52
4	Interglobe Aviation Ltd. (Indigo)	154	331	15
5	Spice Jet Ltd. (Spice Jet)	53	52	NIL
6	Air Asia	70	140	NIL
7	GO Airlines (India) Ltd. (Go Air)	04	00	NIL