

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 3882
(To be answered on the 9th August 2018)**

FOREIGN PILOTS HIRED BY DOMESTIC AIRLINES

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether domestic carriers have asked the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) for any modification in the contracts of foreign pilots, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (b) the total number of foreign pilots employed by various airlines in the country, airline-wise;
- (c) whether the aviation industry is witnessing any stagnation in terms of opportunities to Indian pilots to enhance their training skills;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to replace foreign pilots with Indian pilots;
- (e) whether the Government has assessed the requirement of pilots in the country by 2025, if so, the details thereof and the measures taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (f) the anticipated time-frame when all the trained foreign pilots of scheduled carriers would finally be repatriated?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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(Shri Jayant Sinha)

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- (a) No Madam.
 - (b) Total number of foreign pilots employed by various airlines are 298. Number of such foreign Pilots employed by airlines is attached at Annexure I.
 - (c) No, there are sufficient opportunities available for Indian Pilots to enhance their training skills.
 - (d) to (f) The existing provision for allowing foreign pilots to fly Indian registered aircraft on the basis of Foreign Aircrew Temporary Authorization(FATA) is upto 31.12.2020. Keeping in view the projected requirements of 1043 aircraft to be inducted by schedule airlines over a period of next eight years and air crew/ aircraft utilization, there is a projected requirement of approx 12516 pilots in the country by 2025. All the domestic airlines have been advised to develop their in house strength to reduce the dependency on foreign pilots. Accordingly, airlines train their pilots to upgrade them as Pilot-in-Command/ Commanders and to reduce the dependency on foreign pilots by phase out foreign pilots.

ANNEXURE-I**List of Foreign Pilotsemployed by Airlines**

| S.No. | Schedule | No. of pilots |
|-------|------------------------|---------------|
| 1. | Air Asia | 17 |
| 2. | Air India Charters Ltd | 21 |
| 3. | Alliance Air | 56 |
| 4. | Blue Dart | 02 |
| 5. | Go Air | 23 |
| 6. | Indigo | 59 |
| 7. | Jet Airways | 41 |
| 8. | Quick Jet Cargo | 0 |
| 9. | Spice Jet | 18 |
| 10. | Vistara | 02 |
| 11. | Trujet | 19 |
| 12. | Zoom Air | 04 |
| 13. | Air Odisha | 03 |
| 14. | Deccan Charters | 05 |
| 15. | Non Schedule | 28 |
| 16. | Total | 298 |