

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3956
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17th JULY, 2019

SHORTAGE OF PILOTS IN AIR FORCE

3956. SHRI RAMCHARAN BOHRA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the category-wise number of aircrafts being used at present for imparting training to Indian Air Force pilots;
- (b) whether there is a shortage of pilots in Indian Air Force;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, and the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to meet the shortage?

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MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

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(SHRI SHRIPAD NAIK)

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(a) Adequate number of following aircrafts are being used for imparting training to Indian Air Force (IAF) pilots:

1. Basic Trainer Aircraft;
2. Intermediate Jet Trainer; and
3. Advance Jet Trainer

(b) & (c): The available strength of pilots in the IAF is sufficient to meet the current operational requirements.

(d) Every year, the IAF participates in a number of career fairs/exhibitions, releases advertisements in newspapers/television and conducts numerous lectures in schools and colleges to motivate the target group.
