

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5096
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24th JULY, 2019

WOMEN PILOTS IN IAF

5096. SHRI P.C. MOHAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- the total strength of the women employed in Indian Air Force (IAF) and the number of fighter pilots and navigators out of the above;
- whether the Ministry has received any proposal from IAF to induct women officers as fighter pilots and if so, the details thereof; and
- the safety precautions to be taken for women fighter pilots when they fly fighter plane across the border or along enemy lines?

A N S W E R

MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

रक्षा राज्य मंत्री

(SHRI SHRIPAD NAIK)

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- The strength of women officers serving in the Indian Air Force (IAF) as on 01 Jul, 2019 is 1,905 (One thousand Nine hundred and Five only). Of these, 08 (eight) are Fighter Pilots and 17 (seventeen) are Navigators.
- After approval of Ministry of Defence, IAF commenced a scheme for induction of women SSC officers in the fighter stream of the flying branch in 2016, under which 08 (eight) women fighter pilots have been commissioned till date.
- Women fighter pilots are inducted and deployed in IAF as per strategic needs and operational requirements within the laid down policy, which is reviewed from time to time.
