

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
Lok Sabha
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 3712
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 23rd March 2023)
PILOT TRAINING IN THE COUNTRY

3712. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI KARUNANIDHI

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

be pleased to state:-

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a shortage of commanders on certain types of aircraft and the same is being managed by utilising foreign pilots by issuing Foreign Aircrew Temporary Authorization (FATA) and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether 296 pilots were recruited against 862 commercial pilot licences issued in 2021 and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any estimate study has been undertaken to assess the requirement of pilots in the country for the upcoming years and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of the existing number of Indian nationals and foreign nationals employed in the airport industry in the country; and

(e) whether any special programmes are being run by the Government to encourage pilot training especially for women and backward classes including SCs/STs and if so, the details thereof, categorywise?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION
(GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD))

(a) Yes, Madam. Currently, there are 67 Foreign Aircrew Temporary Authorization (FATA) holders in India. List of operator-wise FATA holders is at Annexure.;

(b) As per data received from various Indian scheduled airlines, a total of 244 pilots have been recruited in the year 2021.

(c) As per Industry projections there may be a need for 1000 pilots per annum in India over the next five years. The annual requirement of commercial pilots depend upon various factors such as financial health of an airline, airline expansion plan and growth in the aviation sector.

(d) As on 01.03.2023, a total of 15,896 regular officials are employed in Airports Authority of India (AAI) posted across various airports/stations. All AAI employees are Indian nationals.;

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As per Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), there are approximately 10,000 pilots including 67 foreign nationals employed with various airlines of India.

(e) There are 35 DGCA approved FTOs in India operating at 53 bases.

Currently, there is no special programme in the Government to encourage pilot training for women and backward classes including SCs/STs.;

However 15% of pilots in India are women which is almost three times the global average of 5%.

ANNEXURE**ANNEXURE IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NUMBER
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Operator	Type of Aircraft	NO. OF FATA EMPLOYED
INDIGO	ATR-72-600	04
ALLIANCE AIR	ATR-72-600	15
VISTARA	B – 787	01
HIMALAYAN HELI	AS-350 B3	01
BIG CHARTERS	ATR-72-500	08
DHILLON AVIATION	BELL 206 L4	03
ZOOM AIR	CRJ 200	01
STAR AIR	EMB 145 LR	05
MYTRI AVIATION	EMBRAER 195	01
AIR CHARTER	FALCON 7X	02
SKY ONE	MI 172	02
INDO PACIFIC	BD-700	01
THEIRVENI EARTH MOVERS	PILATUS PC12	01
GLOBAL VECTRA	AS350	03
PINNACLE	BELL 407	02
OSS MANAGEMENT	AUGUSTA-109-C	01
VSR	LEARJET 45	02
E-FACTOR	HOT AIR BALLON	03
ARROW AIRCRAFT	AS350B3	02
RELIANCE COMMERICAL	G7500	03
MAHINDRA	LR60XR	01
THUMBY AVIATION	AS350B3E	01
IRM	G-550	04
TOTAL		67

Source:- Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA)
