

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4692
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24th March, 2021

TRAINING AIRCRAFT

4692. SHRI RAMCHARAN BOHRA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE j{k k ea=h
be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of aircraft which are being used for the training of pilots of Indian Air Force and their types;
- (b) whether there is shortage of pilots in Indian Air Force;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps being taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to meet the shortage?

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MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(SHRI SHRIPAD NAIK)

(a) Presently, 260 Aircraft are being utilized for training of pilots of Indian Air Force. The trainer aircraft held by IAF includes Pilatus PC-7 Mk-II ac (Basic Trainer Aircraft), Kiran Mk-I/IA ac (Intermediate Jet Trainer) and Hawk Mk-132 ac (Advanced Jet Trainer). For training of Helicopter Pilots 14 Mi-17 helicopters and for transport pilots 26 Dorniers and 16 AN-32 are being used.

(b) Yes, Sir. There is a shortage of pilots in IAF.

(c) (i) As on 01 March, 2021, sanctioned establishment and strength of pilots in IAF is as follows:-

Sanctioned Establishment	Strength
4239	3834

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(ii) There is a shortage of 405 pilots (as on 01 March, 2021) in the IAF against the authorized establishment.

(d) (i) The induction numbers have been increased and a total of 203 Joining Instructions were issued for the Flying branch (NDA/AFA) in 2020.

(ii) Additional Selection Centre (5 AFSB) at Guwahati will commence testing from April, 2021. The new centre will enable candidates from the North Eastern part of the country to appear for Selection. The same will increase the total number of candidates tested and thereby address the shortage.
