GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 4783 (To be answered on the 31st March 2022)

WORK SCHEDULE FOR PILOTS

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION लागर विमालल मंत्री

be pleased to state:-

(a) whether Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) recommends any fixed work schedule for pilots and for flying;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the said conditions apply to private airlines too and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government is aware that some private airlines are forcing their pilots and other staff for extra work while maximizing its operations to make profit; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

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(a) to (c) Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has prescribed regulations for duty period, flight duty period, flight time limitations vide Civil Aviation Requirements (CAR) Section 7 Series J Part II, Part III & Part IV which are applicable to all pilots engaged in Helicopter Operations, Scheduled Air Transport Operations, Scheduled Commuter, Non-scheduled, General Aviation (including State Government and Public Sector Undertaking (PSU)).

(d) & (e) No such instance has come to the notice of Government. DGCA has a robust surveillance mechanism via inspections and audit programs to keep an oversight of all operators for compliance of stipulated requirements with respect to Duty Period.
