

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION**  
**Lok Sabha**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 3403**  
**( TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 20th March 2025 )**  
**PILOT TRAINING FEES CHARGED BY AIRLINES**

**3403. SHRI KULDEEP INDORA**

**SHRI GAURAV GOGOI**

**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION**

**be pleased to state:-**

**(a) whether the Government has received any complaint from the Airlines Pilots' Association of India regarding concerns over exorbitant training fees, leading to the economic exploitation of aspiring pilots and if so, the details thereof;**

**(b) whether it is true that this has contributed to the continuing shortage of trained pilots in the aviation sector and if so, the details thereof;**

**(c) whether the Government has assessed the projected demand for commercial pilots in the country over the next ten years and if so, the details thereof;**

**(d) whether the Government proposes to take any steps to regulate training costs and ensure fair and transparent fee structures for pilot training programmes in the country and if so, the details thereof; and**

**(e) whether the Government is considering financial assistance, subsidies and loan schemes to support pilot trainees, particularly those from economically weaker sections and if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

**Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION  
(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)**

**(a) The Government has received a representation from the Airlines Pilots' Association of India (ALPA) regarding regulation of training cost charged by Airlines from aspiring trainee pilots, wherein high cost of Type Rating charged by the Airlines has been highlighted.;**

**(b) and (c) There is no shortage of trained pilots in airlines. The airline-wise details of pilots along with the projected demand for commercial pilots in India over the next ten years may be seen at Annexure.;**

**(d) Presently, there is no proposal to regulate training costs for Pilot training programmes.;**

**Pilot training programmes are highly technical/super specialised. The cost of training is determined by the following factors among others:-**

**(i) High cost of fuel (AvGas 100LL) used in aircraft.**

**(ii) Most of the aircraft used in the country for training are manufactured abroad and hence, expensive.**

**(iii) High cost of aircraft spare parts.**

**(iv) Imported flight simulators for training.;**

**(v) Type of aircraft and number of aircrafts for training.**

**(e) No such proposal is currently under consideration in this Ministry.**

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**Annexure**

**ANNEXURE IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3403 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 20.03.2025**

<b>AIRLINE</b>	<b>TOTAL PILOTS EMPLOYED (AS ON DATE)</b>	<b>DEMAND FOR NEXT 10 YEARS</b>
Alliance Air	137	No immediate demand
Air India	3280	5870
SpiceJet Ltd.	369	Inducting 1630 pilots
Akasa Air	787	No immediate demand
Air India Express	2169	2196 by FY 2028
Indigo	5463	11778

Source:- Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) on the basis information from Airlines

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