

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 2167
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 12th February 2026)

AIRLINE TRANSPORT PILOT LICENSES

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

be pleased to state:-

- (a) the details of the total number of active pilots in the country;
- (b) the details of the total number of pilots holding Commercial Pilot Licences who are unemployed or not in active service;
- (c) the details of the total number of Airline Transport Pilot Licences (ATPL) issued in the country since 2014, year-wise;
- (d) the details of the total number of ATPL licence holders currently in active service; and
- (e) the details of the number of pilots holding ATPL licences who are unemployed or not in active service?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e): Details of Pilots who are below the age of 65 years and holding various categories of licenses issued by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) are attached at Annexure A.

The details of the total number of Airline Transport Pilot Licenses (ATPL) issued in the country since 2014 are attached at Annexure B.

No such detail of unemployment of pilots holding Commercial Pilot License (CPL) or Airline Transport Pilot License (ATPL) is maintained.

Annexure A

Details of Pilots who are below the age of 65 years and holding various categories of licenses issued by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) are as under:-

| S.No. | License Category | Total |
|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| 1 | ATPL Aeroplane | 10051 |
| 2 | ATPL Helicopter | 210 |
| 3 | CPL Aeroplane (Only) | 12480 |
| 4 | CPL Helicopter (Only) | 777 |
| 5 | PPL Aeroplane (Only) | 1477 |
| 6 | PPL Helicopter (Only) | 6 |
| | Total | 25001 |

Annexure B

Details of the total number of Airline Transport Pilot Licenses (ATPL) issued in the country since 2014 are as under:-

| S. No. | Year | ATPL issued |
|---------------|-------------|--------------------|
| 1 | 2014 | 559 |
| 2 | 2015 | 421 |
| 3 | 2016 | 482 |
| 4 | 2017 | 501 |
| 5 | 2018 | 599 |
| 6 | 2019 | 752 |
| 7 | 2020 | 398 |
| 8 | 2021 | 472 |
| 9 | 2022 | 720 |
| 10 | 2023 | 664 |
| 11 | 2024 | 561 |
| 12 | 2025 | 646 |