

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1014
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 4TH DECEMBER, 2015

WOMEN FIGHTER PILOTS FOR IAF

1014. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR HANSDAK:
SHRI MANSHANKAR NINAMA:
SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY:
SHRI K. ASHOK KUMAR:
SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:
SHRI B. SENGUTTUVAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE
be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of women officers recruited in all three wings of the Defence Forces during each of the last three years and the current year, force-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has approved the induction of women into the combat stream of the Indian Air Force (IAF) and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the role at present assigned to women pilots serving in the IAF;
- (d) whether women pilots are undergoing specialised training including survival techniques to face any critical situation in combat zones and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time by which the first batch of women fighter pilots are likely to be inducted into the IAF?

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MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

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(a)to(e): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1014 FOR ANSWER ON 4.12.2015

(a): The number of women officers recruited in the Defence forces during the last three years and the current year, service-wise is as under:

Year	Army	Navy	Air Force
2012	157	32	130
2013	127	42	144
2014	104	58	155
2015 (till date)	72	39	68

(b): Government has accorded the approval to entry of women into the fighter stream of IAF on experimental basis for a period of five years.

(c): All women pilots in IAF are cleared for all operational roles including Low Level Tactical Flying, Para Drop, Air Maintenance (Northern & Eastern Sector) and Special Heli-Borne Operation (SHBO).

(d): Women pilots undergo Jungle & Snow Survival Course.

(e): It is envisaged that the women trainees undergoing Stage-I training at Air Force Academy would be assessed for their suitability. Based on the suitability and willingness, these women trainees would be selected for Stage-II training in the fighter stream. Upon successful completion of Stage-II training, these women trainees are likely to be commissioned into the fighter stream in June, 2016.
