

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2122  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 11<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2015**

**PILOT TO COCKPIT RATIO IN IAF**

2122. SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:  
SHRI MAHEISH GIRRI:

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken steps to increase pilot to cockpit ratio in the Indian Air Force;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the present utilization rate of basic and advanced trainer aircraft and the measures being taken by the IAF to increase the utilization rate of aircraft;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to collaborate with foreign countries to develop and enhance country's trainer aircraft; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the terms of such collaboration?

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MINISTER OF STATE  
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

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**(a) & (b): Existing pilot-to-Cockpit ratio for the current number of Squadrons in IAF is in consonance with the authorized ratio.**

**(c) The present utilization rate of the trainer aircraft is as follows:-**

<b>Pilatus Mk-II</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>19.73 hrs</b>
<b>Kiran Mk-I/IA</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>18.36 hrs</b>
<b>Hawk-132</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13.42 hrs.</b>

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Measures like proactive forecasting of requirement of spares, reducing down time of aircraft and optimal utilization of available resources have been taken to increase the utilization rate of aircraft.

(d) & (e): Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) is currently manufacturing Hawk MK-132 Advanced Jet Trainer Aircraft under Transfer of Technology from British Aerospace Systems, United Kingdom (BAE systems UK). Further, HAL has also signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with BAE systems UK in May 2015 for HAWK MK-132 upgrade and development of combat HAWK for Indian and export markets.

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