

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE
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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2173
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 11TH DECEMBER, 2015**

BASIC TRAINER AIRCRAFT

2173. KUMARI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has adequate training aircraft and trainees to provide much needed aircraft training to Indian Air Force (IAF) pilots;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to buy Pilatus PC-7 MK II Basic Trainer Aircraft (BTA) to train IAF pilots;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard to train more IAF pilots; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to have adequate trained pilots and engineers to manage the air bases all over the country?

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MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

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(a) to (e): A comprehensive roadmap for ab-initio training in IAF to increase training capacity is already in place. Acquisition of trainer aircraft is a continuous process and is based on the Services Capital Acquisition Plan (SCAP).

The training is currently conducted on Pilatus PC-7 Mk-II, Kiran Mk-I/A and Hawk Mk-132 aircraft.

Government had contracted with M/s Pilatus Aircraft Ltd, Switzerland to supply 75 PC-7 Mk-II Basic Trainer Aircraft. Against this contract all 75 aircraft have been inducted in IAF by October 2015.

Further, there is no shortage of engineers in the IAF.
