

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 408  
(To be answered on the 25<sup>th</sup> February 2016)**

**FLIGHT OPERATIONS INSPECTORS FOR AIRCRAFT/HELICOPTERS**

**408. SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY  
SHRI DILIPKUMAR MANSUKHLAL GANDHI  
SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI  
SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA**

**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION**

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**be pleased to state:-**

- (a) whether there have been any helicopter crashes in the country over the past three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, craft, operator and State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether Flight Operations Inspectors (FOIs) can help in preventing such accidents;
- (d) if so, the number of FOIs (including SFOI/DCFOI etc.) employed by Directorate General of Civil Aviation(DGCA) and the number of them looking after aircraft and helicopters;
- (e) the types of aircraft registered in the country for which no type rated FOI is available in DGCA;
- (f) whether the Ministry hires external candidates as FOIs for helicopters and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (g) the number of FOIs that have undergone training so far?

**ANSWER**

**Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION**

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**(Dr Mahesh Sharma)**

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**(a) & (b) Total Nine accidents of helicopters have taken place in the country during the years 2013 to 2016 till date. Details of the accidents are placed at Annex. "A".**

**(c) Function of Flight Operations Inspectors (FOIs) is to conduct safety oversight of airline operators which includes certification, surveillance and audit of airline operators. Safety oversight is conducted to ensure compliance of applicable rules & regulations by the airline operator with the objective of increasing safety in aircraft operations.**

**(d) Total no. of FOIs (including SFOI/DCFOI/CFOI) are as follows:**

S.N.	Aircraft	No. of FOIs
1.	Aeroplane	43
2.	Helicopter	11
Total no. of FOIs		54

(e) For schedule operators : Type rated FOIs are available for all aeroplane type

For Non schedule operators Type rated FOIs are available on nine aeroplane type i.e. P-68, B-200, Premier IA, G-200, E-135/145, C90, PC12, BD 700 & DO 228 airplane type.

(f) No Madam.

(g) 52 FOIs have undergone training to perform functions as FOI.

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## Annex "A"

Date	Place	Operator	Type of Helicopter	Registration
21.06.2013	Rambara, Uttranchal	Prabhatam Aviation	AS 350 B3	VT-PED
28.06.2013	Harsil Helipad, Uttranchal	Pawan Hans Ltd	Dauphin N3	VT-PHZ
24.07.2013	Kedarnath, Uttarakhand	Trans Bharat Aviation	Bell-403	VT-TBE
14.08.2013	Ahmedabad, Gujrat	Pinnacle Airways	Robinson R44	VT-HPC
29.09.2013	Murbad (Thane), Maharashtra	United Heli Charters Pvt Ltd	Bell 212	VT-HGB
04.08.2015	Near Khonsa Helipad, Arunachal Pradesh	Pawan Hans Ltd	Dauphin N3	VT-PHK
04.11.2015	Offshore, Mumbai High	Pawan Hans Ltd	Dauphin N3	VT-PWF
23.11.2015	Katra, J&K	Himalayan Heli Services Ltd	AS 350 B3	VT-JKB
24.11.2015	Melluri Helipad, Nagaland	Pawan Hans Ltd	Dauphin N3	VT-ELJ