

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.515**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 26<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2016

**WOMEN FIGHTER PILOTS**

515. DR. P. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE ज़कक ea=h  
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering to induct women fighter pilots in the armed forces;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the total number of women pilots undergoing trial training at present;
- (c) whether the women pilots were eager to join the regular fighter aircrafts fleet; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

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MINISTER OF DEFENCE

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**(a) to (d): Government has accorded approval for women to join as Short Service Commission Officers in the fighter stream of the Indian Air Force on experimental basis for a period of five years. Three women trainees have volunteered and have been inducted in the Fighter Stream and are undergoing training.**

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