

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. : 80  
(To be answered on the 28<sup>th</sup> April 2016)

MENTAL HEALTH OF PILOTS

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SHRIMATI POONAMBEN MAADAM

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has formulated guidelines for assessing the mental health of pilots;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which these are likely to be implemented;
- (c) whether the pilots already in service are also to be assessed according to these guidelines, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether DGCA proposes to create a peer support group for pilots and permit doctors to alert authorities whenever mental health of a pilot shows sign of uneasiness/fatigue/deterioration and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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(Shri Ashok Gajapathi Raju Pusapati)

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(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the table of the house.

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**Statement referred in reply to Part (a) to (d) of Lok Sabha Starred Ques. No. 80 regarding "Mental Health of Pilots" to be answered on 28.04.2016.**

**(a) & (b) The medical standards of pilots/co-pilots for commercial flying are equivalent to the medical standards of Class-I medical assessment enumerated in International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Annexure 1, Chapter 6 and medical requirements laid down by DGCA as per Civil Aviation Requirements (CAR) Section 7, Series C, Part I which are available on DGCA website ([www.dgca.nic.in](http://www.dgca.nic.in)).**

**(c) As per the Civil Aviation Requirements, pilots undergo a medical examination based on the following requirements:**

- (i) physical and mental;**
- (ii) visual and colour perception; and**
- (iii) hearing.**

**This assessment is carried out once in a year for pilots upto the age of 60. Thereafter, from 60 to 65 years of age, assessment is carried out once in a period of 6 months.**

**(d) There is no proposal to create a peer support group for pilots and allowing for doctors to alert authorities regarding mental health of the pilot.**

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