

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.986**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 22<sup>ND</sup> JULY, 2016

**SHORTAGE OF PILOTS**

986. SHRI ABHISHEK SINGH:

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

- (a) whether there is shortage of pilots in the Indian Air Force (IAF);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has taken steps to develop sufficient infrastructure for training of pilots to fill the shortage gap;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the steps taken by the Government to meet the shortage?

**A N S W E R**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE

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(SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

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**(a) & (b):** The available strength of pilots in Air Force is sufficient to meet the current operational requirements of the Indian Air Force (IAF). The strength of pilots as on 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2016 is 3874 against the sanctioned strength of 4062.

**(c) to (e):** A comprehensive roadmap to increase training capacity for ab-initio training in IAF is already in place. Development of infrastructure for training purpose based on the requirement of Indian Air Force is a continuous process.

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