

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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RECRUITMENT OF WOMEN PILOTS IN AIRFORCE  
Bhakta Shri Manoranjan

**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to recruit the women students directly from the university level for joining the Indian Airforce as women pilots;
- (b) if so, the response to this effect; and
- (c) the Government's assessment in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

- (a) Yes, Sir. The scheme for inducting women students directly from University level is in vogue since July 1993.
- (b) & (c): The response from women students to join Indian Air Force as pilots has shown an increasing trend. However due to stringent selection procedure there has been a shortfall in the number of women inductees compared to the vacancies.