

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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TRAINING TO PILOTS UNDER LOW VISIBILITY
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Directorate General of Civil Aviation has upgraded the syllabus for training pilots so that all of them could get trained to operate flights under low - visibility conditions due to fog;
- (b) if so, whether all the private carriers have been instructed to implement the scheme forthwith;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether Director General of Civil Aviation is considering relaxing the current prescribed norm for take - offs which calls for a minimum visibility of 550 meters may be lowered the norm to 150 meters of runway visibility range; and
- (e) if so, the time by which the final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

- (a), :- Yes, Sir.Director General of Civil Aviation on 22.11.2005 has revised the training requirement of pilots for operating on Instrument Landing System (ILS) Category - II and Category III to enable pilots to operate in low visibility conditions by amending Civil Aviation Requirements (CAR) Section 7, Series 'X', Part I.
- (b) and (c):- The compliance of CAR is mandatory for all airline operators.
- (d) and (e):- In accordance with ICAO Guidelines, the requirement for Low Take - off Minima for scheduled Operators are under review in the Directorate General of Civil Aviation in consultation with the operators for necessary implementation.