

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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WOMEN PILOTS IN PUBLIC AIRLINES
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of women Pilots working in the Indian Airlines, Air India and Alliance Air;
- (b) the details of the percentage in comparison to male Pilots;
- (c) the percentage of women pilots in India compared to global average number of women Pilots;
- (d) whether the Government is contemplating to introduce a scheme to lure women to get into Pilot profession;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the time by which a decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a), (b) and (c): Air India including Air India Charters Limited have 36 and Indian Airlines including Alliance Air have 80 women Pilots (inclusive of trainees). Thus representation of Women Pilots is approx. 5% in Air India and 10.14% in Indian Airlines as compared to the number of male pilots.
- (d): Women Pilots are treated absolutely at par with their male counterparts by the airlines. Recruitment is also made on fair, transparent and objective criteria, which are not gender dependant. As such, there is no need for any separate scheme to recruit women pilots.
- (e) and (f): Do not arise.