

**Statement***List of foreign pilots employed by airlines*

Sl.No.	Schedule	No. of pilots
1.	Air Asia	17
2.	Air India Charters Ltd.	17
3.	Alliance Air	55
4.	Blue Dart	01
5.	Go Air	21
6.	Indigo	46
7.	Jet Airways	41
8.	Quick Jet Cargo	0
9.	Spice Jet	15
10.	Vistara	02
11.	Trujet	15
12.	Zoom Air	04
13.	Air Odisha	03
14.	Deccan Charters	09
15.	Non Schedule	20
TOTAL		266

**Air India employees**

811. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at the end of December, 2017, Air India had 11,214 permanent employees, including 2056 on deputation to other companies and agencies;

(b) whether it is also a fact that it also had 2913 employees on contract and 2661 on deputation from other group companies;

(c) whether it is also a fact that keeping operational requirement in view a special recruitment drive is on and the airline is in the process of filling up the existing backlog of vacancies of pilots; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAYANT SINHA) (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. In view of the fleet augmentation, addition of new sectors and also on account of natural attrition in the category of Pilots, Air India Limited has been carrying out the recruitment processes for the posts of Pilot on regular basis.

In order to fill up shortfall/backlog of SC/ST/OBC vacancies in earlier recruitment exercises, Air India has taken up/started a Special Recruitment Drive for filling up of 217 posts of Pilots (SC-35, ST-32 and OBC-150) from amongst Sr. Trainee Pilot (With B-787/B-777/B-737 Endorsement or With A-320 Endorsement) or Trainee Pilot (CPL Holder).

The advertisement was issued in September, 2017 and the last date of receipt of application was 25.09.2017. It was indicated in the advertisement that recruitment process for the post of Sr. Trainee Pilot will be completed first and the residual vacancies will be filled from amongst Trainee Pilots (CPL Holders).

In response to above advertisement, a total of 463 eligible/provisionally eligible candidates (SC-150, ST-44 and OBC-269) have applied. On completion of joining process of above Sr. Trainee Pilots, recruitment action for filling up of residual vacancies from amongst Trainee Pilot (CPL Holder) will commence.

The recruitment process for the post of Sr. Trainee Pilot has been completed and a total of 93 candidates (SC-35, ST-10 and OBC-48) have been empanelled. In addition, a Standby Panel of 06 SC candidates has also been formed and the same shall be operative for filling up of vacancies against those SC candidates who do not join/leave the Company during the validity of Panel.

#### **Growth in domestic air traffic**

812. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the domestic air traffic grew at a robust rate of 26 per cent in April this year with various airlines together ferrying 11.5 million passengers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that this was much higher than the domestic air traffic growth witnessed during the last few years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?