

Year	Type	No. of findings
2017	Level I	31
	Level II	7215
2018	Level I	63
	Level II	7465

(c) and (d) DGCA has taken enforcement actions on the deficiencies/non-compliances observed after following surveillance enforcement procedures and by issuing show cause notices. The year-wise details of the enforcement actions are as follows:—

Year	No. of enforcements
2016	203
2017	243
2018	334

Shortage of commercial pilots

1763. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:—

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that there is acute shortage of commercial pilots in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is hiring foreign commercial pilots to operate Indian air carrier companies including Air India; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI) : (a) to (d) There is a shortage of type rated Commanders in the country due to growth in the aviation industry and induction of new type of aircraft in the fleet by the airlines. However, sufficient number of Indian co-pilots are available and employed with the airlines. These co-pilots do not possess sufficient training and experience as required to become Commander. To cover the shortage of type rated Commanders the expat pilots are inducted by Indian carriers. The expat pilot

license is validated by DGCA for the purpose of flying aircraft registered in India. The foreign licensed pilots are however phased out by the airlines once the co-pilots inducted by them become eligible for Commander after undergoing requisite training for the same, as per airlines policy. The details of foreign pilots inducted by major Indian Scheduled Carriers is given in the Statement.

Statement

*The Present Strength of Foreign Pilots with Major Schedule Airlines
as on November, 2019*

Sl. No.	Airlines	Foreign Aircrew Temporary Authorization (FATA) Pilots
1	2	3
1.	Alliance Air	64
2.	Blue Dart	01
3.	Go Air	64
4.	Indigo	239
5.	Spice Jet	33
6.	True Jet	21
7.	Vistara	08
8.	Star Air	06
	TOTAL	436

Growth rate for air and cargo traffic

1764. SHRI BINOY VISWAM : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:-

(a) whether there has been a decline in the year-on-year growth rate for air traffic and cargo traffic in this financial year, the data for major airports across the country; and

(b) if so, the reasons for the same and what steps have been taken to improve the growth rate?