

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 641
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 10th February 2025)

SHORTAGE OF AIRCRAFT CREW IN THE COUNTRY

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:-

(a) whether there is a shortage of commercial licensed pilots in the country affecting airlines, if so, the steps being taken by Government to address the issue of pilot shortage

(b) whether fatigue, salary issues, and unplanned sick leaves by pilots are leading to delays and disruptions of flights and

(c) the total number of Foreign Aircrew Temporary Authorizations (FATA) for pilots that have been issued by DGCA between January 2021 to December 2024?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a) and (c) There is no shortage of commercial licensed pilots in India affecting airlines. However, there is a shortage of commanders on certain types of aircraft and the same is being managed by utilizing foreign pilots by issuing Foreign Aircrew Temporary Authorization (FATA).

The total number of Foreign Aircrew Temporary Authorizations (FATA) pilots Employed In India between January 2021 to December 2024 is as follows:

Foreign Pilot Employed In India (as on)	NOs
01.01.2021	225
01.01.2022	92
01.01.2023	86
01.01.2024	104
31.12.2024	324

(b) Fatigue, salary issues, and unplanned sick leaves by pilots are not leading to delays and disruptions of flights.
