GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

Lok Sabha

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.: 5350 (TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 3rd April 2025)

WOMEN PILOTS

5350. SMT POONAMBEN HEMATBHAI MAADAM Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government has taken steps to increase the number of women pilots in the country and if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) the details of the current percentage of women pilots in the country compared to global averages?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION (Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a) to (b): In order to promote gender equality in aviation sector, DGCA has issued an advisory on "Gender Equality in Civil Aviation Sector" for industry stakeholders to increase the number of women in various positions to 25% by 2025 in India's aviation industry.;

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Enhancing participation of women in aviation has been a priority of Ministry of Civil Aviation. The percentage of women pilots in India is between 13% to 18% across various airlines, which is more than 15% on average basis. DGCA has issued 294 Commercial Pilot Licenses (CPL) in 2023 to women, which is 18% of the total CPLs issued. Further, as per the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) release dated 27 April, 2023 on Global Aviation Gender Equality, the percentage of women pilots in service is 4.0% globally.
