



FEDERATION OF INDIAN PILOTS

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Minister of Civil Aviation,
Rajiv Gandhi Bhavan,
Sri Aurobindo Marg,
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FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF FDTL CAR DATED 24 MAR 2024

Dear Hon'ble Minister,

1. Please refer to our trailing mail, attachment, previous mails and the matter taken up with the parliamentary committees at Rajya Sabha and PAC.
2. The dispensation granted by DGCA to FDTL CAR Sec 7 Ser J Part III dated 26 Mar 2024 to Indigo Airline is valid upto 10 Feb 26. It is surprising to note that though the airline has surplus pilots this dispensation was granted though 10% flights of Indigo were withdrawn. The attachment clearly shows excess pilots by all airlines except Spice jet and both the major carriers have at least a surplus of 414 / 467 pilots. It is surprising to note that in spite of surplus pilots both these airlines were given dispensations to the FDTL CAR. A total waiver of the FDTL CAR was granted to Indigo till 10 Feb 26. Any dispensations/dilution to the FDTL CAR will be a compromise to AIR SAFETY. This has been reiterated on many occasions however, MOCA / DGCA continues to grant dispensations. Considering poor maintenance of aircraft by the two major carriers as per DGCA audit a dilution/dispensations to FDTL CAR of pilots will be **detrimental to Safety**. First time these rules have been made scientifically by DGCA which took into account the FDTL report of Dr Nasim Zaidi ex DG / Secretary of Civil Aviation. Thus, it is of paramount importance to implement these rules in totality.



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3. The importance of FDTL cannot be over emphasised and all regulatory bodies strictly follow these rules in the interest of Pax Safety. The growing aviation sector in the country must ensure **Safety** through total implementation of rules and increased oversight of the air operators. Air Safety should always be **NON-NEGOTIABLE**.
4. Therefore, it is earnestly requested that the FDTL CAR of 24 Mar 2024, must be totally implemented by all the airlines and all dispensations withdrawn post 10 Feb 2026.

Yours sincerely

Warm Regards,
CAPT CS RANDHAWA,
PRESIDENT, FIP

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Encl: Aircraft Availability Vis - A - Vis Pilots Strength Chart

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Aircraft Availability Vis - A - Vis Pilots Strength										
Airline	Fleet Size in Actual Operation	Aircraft Type	Aicrafts	Orders	Pilot Strength	Ratio of Pilots to Aircraft - Sets	Requirement	Surplus		
Air India	~164	A - 320	115	374	3200	7 Sets	1610	414		
		Narrow Body								
		A - 350	49						12 Sets	1176
		B - 787 / 777								
		Wide Body								
TOTAL ==>	164				2786					
Air India Express	~112	A - 320	36	140	1851	7.5 Sets	1680	171		
		B - 737	76							
		TOTAL ==>	112							1680
Indigo	~370 Wet Lease	A - 320	320	908	5463	7 Sets	4480	467		
		ATR - 72	43						6 Sets	516
		B - 787 / 777	7							
		TOTAL ==>	370						4996	
Akasa Air	~ 30	B - 737	30	196	787	7 Sets	420	367		
Spice Jet	~30	B - 737	20	129	385	7 Sets	280	-15		
		Q - 40	10						6 Sets	120
		TOTAL ==>	30							400
1 SET : 1 COMMANDER + 1 FIRST OFFICER										