

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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SUPPLY OF SUBSTANDARD AND UNCERTIFIED SPARES BY HAL

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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a)whether HAL has supplied substandard and uncertified spares to Indian Air Force resulting in a spate of MIG-21 crashes;
- (b)if so, the factual position in this regard;
- (c)whether the Government have conducted any enquiry in this regard;
- (d)if so, the outcome thereof;
- (e)whether it is a fact that HAL is re-exporting quality spares imported from Russia to Algeria and Vietnam;
- (f)if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (g)the measures adopted to acquire quality spares by AIF to avoid further MIG crashes?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a)No, Sir.

(b) to (d): Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(e) & (f): HAL is authorised to export and reexport MiG-21 aircraft spares to friendly countries which include Algeria and Vietnam on payment of royalty. Since the sales were authorised no enquiry has been conducted.

(g)Quality certified spares are being provided to IAF by HAL.