

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3352
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AIR ACCIDENTS DUE TO DAMAGED PARACHUTES
MADHAVRAO SCINDIA

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the jackals in Ozhar (District Nasik) cause enormous damage to the parachutes by eating up parts of parachute nets attached to MIG aircraft of Indian Air Force stationed there;
- (b) if so, the number of such cases noticed during the last three years;
- (c) whether any undetected damage to parachutes attached to MIG aircraft, render the aircraft accident prone while landing due to failure of parachutes in exerting the requisite retardation to bring it to a halt within the short space available;
- (d) if so, the details of cases in which damage to parachutes has resulted in accidents to MIG aircraft during the last three years; and
- (e) the steps taken to avert such accidents?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b) to (e): Do not arise.