

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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FOREIGN PLANES INTERCEPTED FOR SPYING
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether our armed forces have ever intercepted any planes that came with the purpose of spying in the country's air space;
- (b) if so, the details of such cases during each of the last three years; and
- (c) the name of the countries to which these planes belong?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): During the last three years there has been one case in 1999 when on 10th August, 1999, a Pakistan Navy Atlantique combat aircraft while carrying out aerial reconnaissance and photography mission over our territory was engaged by our Air Defence interceptors and shot down well inside the Indian air space.