

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1149  
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CRASH OF TRAINING NAVAL AIRCRAFT IN VISHAKHAPATNAM  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether a training Naval Aircraft crashed in midair on thickly populated area in the heart of the city of Vishakhapatnam on December 8, 1999;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor and the quantum of losses suffered as a result thereof;
- (c) the details of such other Naval Aircraft lost during the last three years alongwith the lives lost therein;
- (d) whether a specific type of aircraft is repeatedly involved in crashes; and
- (e) if so, the steps taken to prevent such accidents in future?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): On 08 December, 1999, a Kiran aircraft of the Navy crashed in railway yard at Visakhapatnam due to engine problem and suffered heavy damage. A railway bogie was also damaged. No other damage has been reported.

(c) to (e): During the last three years, 4 Naval aircrafts viz. two Kiran, one Sea Harrier and one Seaking have been lost in accidents resulting in death of one person.

All accidents are investigated by a Board of Inquiry. Based on the recommendations of the Board of Inquiry, directives for implementation of measures to prevent recurrence of accidents in future are issued by the Naval Head Quarters.