

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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REPLACEMENT OF MIG FIGHTER AIRCRAFT

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to replace the entire fleet of MiG fighter aircraft in a phased manner;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any programme has been chalked out in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) to (d): Replacement of ageing aircraft is an ongoing process. As various aircraft complete their technical life or otherwise lose their utility, they are phased out and new aircraft inducted. Programmes are drawn up and implemented from time to time for replacement of ageing aircraft. It would not be in the interest of national security to give further details of the programmes of phasing out and replacements.