

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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MODERNISATION OF FIGHTER AND CARRIER PLANES  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Air Force has formulated any scheme to modernise its fighter and carrier planes by 2015;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any steps to upgrade the fighter planes including MiG-21, MiG-29, Jaguar, French Mirage-2000; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) & (b): Modernization of fighter aircraft is an on-going process undertaken from time to time to meet the operational requirements of the Air Force. It would not be in the interest of national security to disclose further details.

(c) & (d): Upgrade of MiG-21 fighter aircraft has been carried out. Upgrade of Jaguar and MiG-27 aircraft is underway at Hindustan Aeronautics Limited. The Air Force has identified aircraft including MiG-29, Mirage-2000 for upgrade during the 10th and 11th Plan periods.