

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2507
ANSWERED ON:15.03.2007
ACCIDENT OF JAGUAR AIRCRAFT
Rao Shri Sambasiva Rayapati

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a Jaguar aircraft was crashed on January 18, 2007 in Rajasthan resulting in the death of a pilot ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor ;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to phase out Jaguars ;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

- (a) One Jaguar aircraft crashed on 18.1.2007 at Pokhran range in Rajasthan resulting in the death of a pilot.
- (b) The Jaguar aircraft was on a live armament sortie over Pokhran range when the accident took place. All such accidents are investigated through a Court of Inquiry and remedial measures are undertaken accordingly.
- (c)to(e) : Phasing out of aircraft is based on the operational requirements, airworthiness of the fleet and residual life.This is periodically reviewed and actions are taken accordingly.