

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PHASING OUT OF MiG-23

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian Air Force has phased out MiG-23 aircraft from its service;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether any Swing-Wing aircraft has been inducted in its place;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether any action plan is being executed to develop and produce indigenous MiG or other Swing-Wing category aircraft as per the requirements of the Indian Air Force; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Upon completion of assigned technical life, the aircraft are progressively phased out.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) & (f): Some variants of MiG aircraft were manufactured by M/s Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL). However, no MiG aircraft are being manufactured by HAL now. Repair and overhaul facilities of certain type of aircraft have been set up by HAL and IAF. The Indian Air Force is continuously updating itself with advanced technologies.