

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1222  
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DECOMMISSIONING OF MiG AIRCRAFT  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has decided to decommission the MiG 21, 23 and MiG 25 fighters from the IAF;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government is contemplating to put these fighter planes to some other use in future; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

- (a) & (b): Indian Air Force is in the process of phasing out the MiG-21, MiG- 23 and MiG-25 fighter aircraft depending upon the calendar life/total technical life of the aircraft. These aircraft will be phased out from the service between the years 2006 to 2017.
- (c) No, Sir. Since an aircraft is deemed not to be airworthy at the end of its life, it is disposed off as per the laid down procedure.
- (d) Does not arise.