

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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GROUNDING OF MIG AIRCRAFT
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether after a fatal crash of an MIG-27 fighter aircraft in the recent past near Silliguri, the Indian Air Force has grounded its fleet of Russian-make MIG-27 fighter aircraft;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the defects had been reportedly noticed in the engines earlier;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of the investigation conducted in the incident and outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (e): Appropriate precautionary measures are taken after every crash. Further, each crash of Indian Air Force aircraft is investigated through a Court of Inquiry and remedial measures are undertaken accordingly.