

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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AIR CRASH DURING AIR SHOWS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is an increase in air crashes during air shows;
- (b) if so, the details of air accidents occurred during the last one year and the casualties occurred therein;
- (c) the reasons for such frequent crashes during the shows;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to discontinue such air shows; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

- (a) to (c): During the year 2009-10, one accident occurred during an air show on 3.3.2010 involving a Kiran Mk II aircraft. This was the first ever crash of a naval aircraft during airshow. Two defence services personnel were killed in this accident. Each crash is investigated through a Court of Inquiry and remedial measures are taken accordingly.
- (d) No, Madam.
- (e) The air shows showcase the ability of Defence Forces, enhance their skill for precision flying, inculcate discipline and foster team spirit.