

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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CRASH OF AIRCRAFT

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of accidents involving Indian Air Force aircraft and helicopters during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) the loss of lives of defence personnel and property as a result thereof, year-wise; and
- (c) the findings of the inquiry into such accidents and the remedial measures initiated by the Government?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (c): A total of 38 accidents involving Indian Air Force aircraft and helicopters have occurred during the last three year i.e. from financial years 2007-08 to 2009-10 and the current year so far. 28 defence personnel lost their lives in these accidents. Damage to civil property has been reported in six of these accidents. Each crash of Defence aircraft is investigated through a Court of Inquiry and remedial measures are undertaken accordingly.