

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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SQUADRON STRENGTH OF AIR FORCE  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of squadrons in Indian Air Force at present;
- (b) whether the Government has decided to increase the squadron strength of Air Force keeping in view the security of the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof including the number of squadrons so approved;
- (d) whether the number of squadrons has ever reached the level of sanctioned strength;
- (e) if not, whether the depleting strength is affecting the security of the country adversely; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (f): Government constantly reviews the security environment and accordingly decides induction of appropriate equipment to enhance combat strength and improve defence preparedness in terms of quality and quantity. It would not be in the interest of national security to give details.