

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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INVESTIGATION INTO SUKHOI CRASH
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has constituted a team of experts to ascertain the reasons for the first crash of the fighter plane Sukhoi-30 MKI;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether a team of experts of the Sukhoi company has also been called from Russia for the said purpose; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): Yes, Madam. Each crash of Defence aircraft is investigated through a Court of Inquiry and remedial measures are undertaken accordingly. Besides, two teams of Russian experts have visited India to probe the crash of the Sukhoi 30 MKI aircraft of the Indian Air Force. Constant interaction with Original Equipment Manufacturers, both indigenous and foreign, is always made to overcome technical defects, if any.