

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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SRS FOR POST CRASH RECOVERY
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian Air Force is planning to buy a Search and Rescue System (SRS) for post-crash recovery of crew, aircraft and helicopters;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the number of such systems to be procured;
- (c) the estimated cost thereof and time-schedule of the procurement; and
- (d) the details of recovery of bodies of crew/pilots and aircraft during the last one year and usefulness of the said system in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): A Request For Information (RFI) was issued in September 2010 for Combat Search & Rescue Systems (SRS). The Indian Air Force (IAF) plans to procure personal Rescue Beacons for its Fighter, Transport and Helicopter fleet and Emergency Location Transmitters (ELT) as well as Air borne Locator Interrogators for its Transport and Helicopters fleet. The estimated cost is Rs.120 crores.

(d): During the past one year, there have been two fatal accidents and the bodies of three pilots who lost their lives in these accidents were recovered. Since these accidents took place near IAF airfields under positive control of Air Traffic Control (ATC), the present SRS was not required to be used to recover the bodies/debris.