GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:10
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AIR CRASHES IN AIR FORCE
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of fighter aircraft of Indian Air Force crashed during the last three years and the current year;

(b) the number of personnel and civilians killed/injured therein and the total financial loss incurred by the Government, incident-wise;

(c) the compensation paid to the victims in each of the incidents;

(d) whether the Indian Air Force has reportedly stated that most of the air crashes take place due to human errors; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the concrete action taken by the Government to provide adequate training to the pilots to check recurrence of such incidents?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 10 FOR ANSWER ON 1.8.2011

During the last three years (i.e. from financial year 2008-2009 to 2010-2011), 24 accidents of fighter aircraft of Indian Air Force have occurred. During the current financial year (till 24th July 2011), no accident of fighter aircraft has taken place.

In these accidents, 4 service personnel and 5 civilians were killed. 24 civilians were also injured in these accidents.

A total of Rs.40,00,000/- has been paid by Government as compensation to the next of kin of the deceased service personnel. A total of Rs.40,69,423/- has been paid as compensation to the next of kin of deceased civilians, to injured civilians and towards civil property damage, as per extant Government instructions.

Accidents caused by human error have accounted for approximately 23% of accidents of fighter aircraft in the Indian Air Force during the last three years (FY 2008-2009 to 2010-2011).

Various steps have been taken by the Government to provide adequate training to pilots to prevent accidents due to human error. Some of these steps include increased use of simulators to practice procedures and emergency actions, focused and realistic training with additional emphasis on the critical aspects of mission, introduction of Crew Resource Management and Operational Risk Management to enable safe mission launches, Aviation Psychology courses and introduction of Aerospace Safety capsules in the ab-initio training of aircrew.