

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SURVEILLANCE IN MOUNTAINS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the reasons for the failure of Sukhoi-30 and other allied agencies in exact mapping of the crash site of the helicopter carrying the former Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh;
- (b) whether the armed forces trained to move in mountainous terrain failed to cover the crash area;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps being taken to improve surveillance in such high altitude areas?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (d): The crash site was imaged by the Indian Air Force's Sukhoi-30 aircraft. The efficacy of such search and mapping operations depends upon the terrain, weather, availability of co-ordinates of the area and the size of debris. The Government reviews the efficacy of available surveillance mechanism from time to time and steps are taken thereon.