

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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ARMY HELICOPTER INTO PAK AIRSPACE

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether an Army helicopter strayed into Pakistani airspace as reported recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Pak Army thoroughly examined the helicopter and allegedly seized some sensitive data stored therein;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Government has conducted inquiry into the incident and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (e): An Indian Army helicopter had strayed into Pakistani air space on October 23, 2011. It is possible that the Pakistan authorities may have examined the helicopter. An inquiry has been instituted to probe the incident.