

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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ARMY HELICOPTER ACROSS LOC
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether an Army helicopter strayed across the Line of Control (LoC) recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Global Positioning System data of the helicopter alongwith nick names and code signs of all the helipads in the 14 Corps area was found wiped out;
- (d) if so, whether the Government has conducted inquiry into incident; and
- (e) if so, the outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

- (a) & (b): An Army helicopter had strayed into Pakistan air space on 23rd October 2011 primarily due to navigational error. The helicopter landed in Pakistan and returned after refueling following talks at the level of the Army authorities on both sides.
- (c) to (e): On return it was found that the GPS data of the helicopter had been erased. A departmental enquiry was conducted by HQ Northern Command on the incident and administrative action is being initiated against the concerned personnel.