

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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MODERNISATION OF AIRCRAFT FLEET
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Air Force has formulated any scheme to modernise/ upgrade its fighter and transport aircraft fleet by the year 2015;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has also taken concrete steps to upgrade the fighter aircraft MiG-21, MiG-29, Jaguar, French Mirage-2000; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): Yes, Madam. Modernisation / Mid-Life upgradation of the fleet of Indian Air Force (IAF) is a continuous process which is undertaken as per the Long Term Plan of the IAF. As part of this process, the MiG-21 and MiG-27 have been upgraded. The Mig-29, Mirage-2000, Jaguar and AN-32 aircraft are in the process of upgradation.