

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1513

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LOCATION OF AIR CRASHES

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is facing difficulty in locating air crashes;
- (b) if so, whether there is any proposal to procure new generation search and rescue systems;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether there is any proposal to procure new search and rescue systems for civilian aircraft also;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) No, Madam.

(b) & (c): 'In principle' approval for procurement of new generation Search and Rescue equipment for the three Services has been accorded by the Government.

(d) to (f): There is no proposal in Ministry of Defence to procure new search and rescue systems for civilian aircraft. Airports Authority of India, under Ministry of Civil Aviation, coordinates with the three Services, State administration and other resource agencies for Search and Rescue operations.