

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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MIG AIRCRAFT .

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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the MIG-21bis is likely to remain operational in its upgraded version until 2019;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the MIG-21bis will be decommissioned two years later than they were originally scheduled to be decommissioned; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

- (a) & (b): The upgraded version of MIG-21bis aircraft, known as 'Bison', is planned to be operational beyond 2019 till 2025.
- (c) & (d): MIG-21bis is planned to be decommissioned in 2018, as originally scheduled.