

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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AIRCRAFT CRASHES

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether many aircraft including MiG-29 of Indian Air force crash frequently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (c) the loss of life and property suffered as a result thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has investigated the reasons behind such air crashes;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Government in this regard to stop recurrence of such air crashes?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b): During the last three years and current year, 35 aircraft / helicopters including 3 MiG-29 aircraft of Indian Air Force have crashed as below:

2010-2011 - 12
2011-2012 - 13 (01 MiG-29)
2012-2013 - 06
2013-2014 - 04 (02 MiG-29s)

(c) In the above accidents, apart from loss of aircraft, 28 Defence Personnel and 5 civilians have lost their lives.

(d) to (f): Every accident / incident is followed by Court of Inquiry and the recommendations of all the completed Court of Inquiry have been implemented. Armed Forces have taken various preventive measures like invigoration of Aviation Safety Organization, streamlining of accident / incident reporting procedure, analytical studies and quality audits of the aircraft fleets to identify vulnerable areas to reduce aircraft accidents. Also, accident prevention programmes have been given an added thrust to identify risk prone / hazardous areas specific to the aircraft fleets and operational environment to ensure safe practices / procedures.