

**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) the number of MiG-21 aircraft still in service for the Indian Air Force;
- (b) the number of MiG-21 crashed during the last ten years;
- (c) whether there is any plan to completely phase them out and replace them with new generation fighter aircraft; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

- (a): 254 MiG-21 aircraft are still in service with the Indian Air Force.
- (b): During the last ten years (2003-2004 to 2012-2013) and the current year (upto 30.11.2013), a total of 38 MiG-21 aircraft have crashed.
- (c) & (d): Phasing out of aircraft and their replacement with new generation aircraft depends upon national security / strategic objectives and operational requirements of the defence forces and are reviewed by the Government from time to time. This is a continuous process.