

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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CRASH OF MARITIME SURVEILLANCE AIRCRAFT

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a Naval Dornier maritime surveillance aircraft crashed into the Arabian Sea off the coast of Goa recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any preliminary investigation into the cause of the aircraft crash has since been made;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to avoid recurrence of such accidents in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Indian Navy Dornier (IN 240) crashed about 25nm off the coast of Goa at about 22:08 hours on 24th March 2015.

(c) & (d): Board of Inquiry (BoI) has been instituted to investigate the cause of the accident on 26th March 2015.

(e) The various measures to prevent air accidents include:

- (i) sensitization of personnel on aspects of flight safety through dissemination of material on safety concepts;
- (ii) flight safety and operational readiness inspections every year;
- (iii) safety audit of all Air Stations / Air Squadrons;
- (iv) dissemination of lessons learnt from accidents in the form of periodicals / leaflets.