

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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BIRD HITS TO MILITARY AIRCRAFT  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether bird-hits to military aircraft causes damage resulting in economic losses and injuries / death of defence personnel;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the total number of such incidents reported and defence personnel injured / died during each of the last three years and the current year along with the total losses incurred; and
- (c) the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) & (b): The details of incidents of bird-hits in the last three years (2011-12 to 2013-14) and the current year are as under:

Financial Year	No. of incidents	Defence Personnel injured / died
2011-12	159	NIL
2012-13	162	
2013-14	183	
2014-15	47	

(Till 28.07.2014)

In addition, one accident due to bird-hit has also occurred during 2014-15 in which apart from loss of aircraft, one defence personnel lost his life.

(c) Armed Forces have taken various remedial 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. Ornithology cell, which carries out bird surveys at flying bases and suggests bird prevention modules, has been established at the Directorate of Flight Safety.