

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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CRASH OF SUKHOI MKI AIR CRAFT

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of Sukhoi-30 MKI aircraft presently available for use in the country along with the details of such aircraft crashed during each of the last three years and the current year along with the reasons for such accidents;
- (b) whether several untrained pilots are flying Sukhoi-30 MKI aircraft, if so, the reasons therefor and the steps being taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to fully train pilots to fly such aircraft;
- (c) whether investigation on the recent crash of Sukhoi-30 MKI aircraft at Pune has been completed and if so, the details and the present status thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has recently grounded all the Sukhoi-30 MKI aircraft, if so, the details thereof and reasons thereof along with the time by which these aircraft are likely to be put into operation; and
- (e) whether the Government proposes to induct more Sukhoi-30 MKI aircraft in the coming years and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

(a) The total number of Sukhoi-30 MKI aircraft presently available for use in the country pertains to operational aspects of the Indian Defence Forces and is classified in nature.

Number of Sukhoi-30 MKI crashed during the last three years and the current year is as under:

2011-12	-	01
2012-13	-	01
2013-14	-	Nil
2014-15 (upto 25.11.2014)	-	01

The main reasons for the crashes were Human Error and Technical Defect.

(b) No, Madam. All the pilots undergo a prescribed training process. As such, Su-30 MKI aircraft are flown by only trained pilots of Indian Air Force (IAF). Steps to improve training of pilots based on various inputs is a continuous process.

(c) No, Madam.

(d) All routine training flying on the Sukhoi-30 MKI aircraft was temporarily stopped as a precautionary measure to carry out the requisite checks on all the aircraft. Flying of the Sukhoi-30 MKI aircraft has since commenced after completion of checks.

(e) Review of existing fleet and induction of new aircraft is a continuous process. Such review is carried out keeping in view the operational requirements of IAF.