

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL AIR ZONE BY PAKISTAN
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether incidents of violation of international air zone norms adjacent to Pakistani border by Pakistani military aircrafts are on the rise;
- (b) if so, number of incidents of violations committed by Pakistan this year, month-wise; and
- (c) the action taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) & (c): A total number of three incidents of violation of the Indian airspace by Pakistan's military aircraft have been observed in this year. One such incident occurred in January, 2005 while the remaining two occurred in March, 2005.

The required Air Defence measures are initiated depending upon the situation. Protests are also lodged with the concerned country through diplomatic channels.