

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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CRASH OF MIG-29
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a MiG-29 fighter plane crashed into the Arabian sea on November 21, 2006 ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ;
- (c) whether any inquiry has been ordered in this regard ;
- (d) if so, the details in this regard; and
- (e) the steps being taken to prevent plane crashes ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b): A MiG-29 fighter plane crashed on 21st November, 2006 into a check dam, 5 Km away from Sarmat Range, Jamnagar and not into the Arabian sea.

(c) to (e): A Court of Inquiry is always instituted in such cases and based on the outcome of the inquiry, remedial actions are taken. A continuous and multi-faceted effort is always underway in the Defence Forces to enhance and upgrade flight safety. Measures to enhance the quality of training to improve the skill levels, ability to exercise sound judgment and situational awareness of pilots are also pursued. Constant interaction with Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs), both indigenous and foreign, is also maintained to overcome the technical defects of aircraft. Besides, anti-bird measures are also undertaken.