

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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MIG-21
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of MiGs destroyed during the last five years ;
- (b) whether the National Aeronautical Laboratory has revealed that MiG-21 can now fly an additional 1000 hours or effectively for another 10 years ;
- (c) if so, the details thereof ;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to go in for second opinion on this revelation; and
- (e) If so, the details thereof ?

Answer

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

- (a) A total number of 53 MiGs have been destroyed during the period from 2001-2002 to 30th November 2006.
- (b)&(c):National Aeronautical Laboratory (NAL) have recommended that the life of MiG-21 BIS and MiG-21 Bison can be increased by 1000 hours and 5 years.
- (d) & (e):A second opinion from any organization is not considered necessary in this case.However, technical consultation with experts/organizations are always undertaken whenever required. This is a continuous process.