

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PURCHASE OF SUKHOI-30 FIGHTER JETS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has cleared the purchase of 40 more Sukhoi-30 fighter Jets from Russia to fill in the inevitable gaps;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the estimated expenditure likely to be incurred; and
- (c) the loss suffered due to crashing of fighter flights during the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) From 1st April 2003 to 1st March 2007, 37 fighter aircraft of IAF were lost in accidents. The total cost of these aircraft is Rs.2091.31 crore.