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TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR PILOTS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian Air Force propose to review the training programme to its pilots in view of several crashes of fighter aircraft;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if so, the steps taken to remove the technical snags, if any, in the fighter aircraft including the Mirages?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) & (b) : Review of training programme of fighter aircraft, to cater to changing operational and safety requirements, is an ongoing process. Training pattern is constantly being modified to include recommendations emerging out of findings of Courts of enquiries. Keeping in mind the last Mirage-2000 accident, night flying syllabus is being re-worked.

(c) Rectification of routine defects is carried out at the unit level on a day to day basis. For rectification of major defects, the defective parts are sent to the repair agency. In case a manufacturing defect is suspected, the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) is also consulted.