

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3393

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CRASH OF AIRCRAFT

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether MIG-21 and HPT-32 trainer aircraft crashed recently;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has enquired into the matter;
- (c) if so, the outcome thereof;
- (d) the loss of life and properties suffered as a result thereof;
- (e) whether it is a fact that on a specific height the HPT-32 trainer aircraft failed to maintain its RPM;
- (f) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard;
- (g) the amount of compensation paid to the deceased family/affected civilians;
- (h) whether the Government is considering to induct new generation flight simulators to train young pilots to avoid such crashes;
- (i) if not, the reasons for not providing new generation flight simulators; and
- (j) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): The Courts of Inquiry have been ordered to ascertain the causes of these accidents, which are yet to be completed.

(d) The pilots sustained fatal injuries in both these accidents. Besides, this, in the MiG-21 aircraft accident, which took place on 8th March, 2005 one civilian sustained fatal injuries while six civilians were injured. There was no loss to civilian property.

(e) & (f): The Court of Inquiry into the HPT-32 accident is in progress. The exact cause would be known on receipt of the Inquiry report. The corrective steps would be taken accordingly.

(g) An Ex-Gratia interim relief of Rs. 1,00,000/- to the Next of Kin of deceased civilian and Rs. 20,000/- to each injured civilians have been paid. Compensation to the Next of Kin of the deceased pilots is being processed as per the existing rules.

(h) to (j): Simulators help in enhancing skill levels and in practicing emergencies and procedures in a safe environment. Simulators for some aircraft are already in service. Induction of simulators in the Indian Air Force is a continuous process.