

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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CRASH OF IAF PLANES

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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of aircraft including MiG series crashed during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) the loss of lives including the air force personnel and property as a result thereof, year-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any inquiry into each of the incidents;
- (d) if so, the outcome thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon;
- (e) whether the National Aeronautical Research Laboratory has adjudged the flight worthiness of MiG-21 series aircraft;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) the steps taken to induct more trainer aircraft in Air Force?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) 36 aircrafts and 7 helicopters of Indian Air Force (IAF) including MiG series have crashed during the last three financial years and the current year (as on 16.11.2009).

(b) The loss of lives including the air force personnel and compensation paid to the property damaged during the last three years and the current year (as on 16.11.2009) is as under:-

Financial year Fatal (including air force personnel) loss of lives and civil property Total compensation paid for

2006-2007 4 21,77,409/-

2007-2008 3 14,25,500/-

2008-2009 3 25,01,138/-

2009-2010 22 67,80,000/-

(c) & (d): Each crash of Defence aircraft is investigated through a Court of Inquiry and remedial measures are undertaken accordingly.

(e) & (f): National Aeronautical Laboratory (NAL) was involved in the fatigue testing for life extension programme of some MiG-21 aircraft.

(g) IAF has contracted for 66 Hawk Advanced Jet Trainer (AJT) aircraft, of which 24 are direct supply aircraft from the British Aerospace (BAe) and the balance are to be manufactured under license in India by HAL.