

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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AIRCRAFT CRASHES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of helicopters and aircraft including AN 32 transport aircraft of the Indian Air Force (IAF) crashed during the year 2014 along with the reasons for the crash;
- (b) the number of IAF personnel, civilians injured or lost their lives in such accidents along with the loss caused to the Government and civilian property as a result thereof;
- (c) the details of compensation provided the victims of such accidents during the said period, accident-wise; and
- (d) the measures taken by the Government to prevent such accident?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

- (a) During the year 2014 (upto 24.11.2014) a total of 07 aircraft including one helicopter and one AN 32 aircraft have crashed. The main reasons for the crashes were Human Error and Technical Defect.
- (b) 13 IAF personnel were killed in these accidents. No civilian was killed or injured. The loss to the Government, in terms of value of aircraft and service property, in respect of 02 accidents assessed so far is estimated at Rs.330 crores. However, there was no loss to the civilian property.
- (c) Ex-gratia amount paid as compensation to the victims, accident-wise is as under:

| Type of aircraft | crashed | No. of IAF personnel killed | Ex-gratia amount paid (in Rupees) |
|------------------|---------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| C-130J | 05 | | 50,00,000 |
| MiG-21 | 01 | | 10,00,000 |
| ALH | 07 | | 70,00,000 |

- (d) Every IAF aircraft accident / incident is thoroughly investigated by a Court of Inquiry (CoI) to ascertain the cause of accident and the recommendations of the completed Court of Inquiry are implemented. Various preventive measures like invigoration of Aviation Safety Organization, streamlining of accident reporting procedure, analytical studies and quality audits of the aircraft fleets to identify vulnerable areas have been taken to reduce aircraft accidents. Accident prevention programmes have also been given an added thrust to identify risk prone / hazardous areas specific to the aircraft fleets and operational environment to ensure safe practice / procedures.