

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO.382
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 12TH AUGUST, 2016

CRASH OF MILITARY AIRCRAFTS

*382. SHRI DUSHYANT CHAUTALA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE ज़कक ea=h
be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of military aircrafts crashed during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether a majority of aircrafts in the Indian Air Force are outdated and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to progressively upgrade, modernized and replace the outdated aircrafts?

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MINISTER OF DEFENCE
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(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 382 FOR ANSWER ON 12.8.2016

(a) The year-wise details of crashes of military aircraft including helicopters during the last three years (2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16) and current year 2016-17 (up to 09.08.2016) is as under:

Year	IAF	NAVY	ARMY
2013-14	07	Nil	02
2014-15	10	02	03
2015-16	06	Nil	02
2016-17 (upto 09.08.2016)	04	Nil	Nil

(b) The Indian Air Force (IAF) inventory is a mix of old and new generation aircraft. Ageing of equipment is a natural process and is dealt with through proper maintenance, obsolescence management, upgrades and acquisition of new platforms. No aircraft that has completed its prescribed life is in operation with IAF. All the existing fleets have residual life for operational utilisation and every aircraft which is launched is fully airworthy.

(c) Upgradation, modernization and replacement of military aircraft depend upon the national security / threat perception, strategic objectives and operational requirements of the defence forces and is reviewed by the Government from time to time. This is a continuous process.
