

Loss Suffered by IAF due to bird-hit

400. SHRI S. MUTHU MANI:

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on an average 100 bird-hit accidents takes place every year costing the force sum of Rs. 150.00 crores in terms of damaged aircraft besides the loss of lives that birds continue to be the biggest enemies of men in flying machines;

(b) whether it is also a fact that 75% of aircraft losses caused by bird-strikes have occurred around 10 air-fields designated priority-1, air-fields;

(c) whether it is a fact that 65 to 70 bird-hits take place within 10 Kms. of the air-fields during take-offs and landing; and

(d) if so, the action taken by Government to denotify garbage dumping grounds within 10 Kms. of air-fields?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU): (a) to (d) about 100 bird hits do take place every year causing considerable damage and concern to the Air Force. Approximately, 60 to 70 birds-hits take place in the 10 Kms. zone around the airfields designated as Priority-I. Steps have been taken by the Ministries of Agriculture, Urban Affairs & Employment and the concerned State Government, for modernisation of slaughter houses/carcass utilisation centres and for sanitisation of areas around the bird-prone airfields to reduce bird activities.

Nomination of Members to the Council of States

401. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of Members nominated by the President to the Council of States since 1980, under the provisions of Article 80 of the Constitution;

(b) whether a Constitutional amendment is proposed to ensure that such Members do not formally identify themselves with any political group in Parliament; and

(c) whether there is also a proposal to amend clause (3) of Article 80 for laying down precise criteria of 'special knowledge or practical experience' in the fields of literature, science, art and social service?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) A list is enclosed as Statement. (See below)

(a) and (c) No, Sir.

Statement

List of nominated members from 1980

<i>Year</i>	<i>Name</i>
1980	Shri Khushwant Singh
"	Smt. Nargis Dutt
"	Dr. Lokesh Chandra
"	Shri Scato Swu
1982	Prof. (Mrs.) Asima Chatterjee
"	Shri V.C. Ganesan
"	Shri Hyatt Ulla Ansari
"	Shri Madan Bhatia
"	Shri V.N. Tiwari
"	Smt. Maragatham Chandrasekhar
"	Shri Bishambar Nath Pandey
"	Shri Sat Paul Mittal
1984	Shri Thindivanam K. Ramamurthy
"	Shri Ghulam Rasool Kar
"	Prof. (Mrs.) Asima Chatterjee
1985	Shri Purushottam Kakodkar
"	Shri H.L. Kapur
"	Shri Salim Ali
1986	Smt. Ela Ramesh Bhatt
"	Shri M.F. Hussain
"	Pt. Ravi Shankar
"	Shri R.K. Narayan
"	Smt. Amrita Pritam
1988	Shri Bishambar Nath Pandey
"	Smt. Syeda Anwara Taimur
"	Shri Madan Bhatia
"	Shri Sat Paul Mittal