

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Crash of Mig-21 Aircraft in Delhi

*245. SHRI HARI SINGH:

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOW-
DHURY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be
pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Mig-
21 fighter of the Indian Air Force
crashed near Najafgarh in South West
Delhi on the 8th November, 1988;

(b) if so, what were the causes of
this crash; and

(c) how many Civilian lives were
lost due to the above crash?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE
(SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A court of enquiry has been
ordered into the accident and is in
progress.

(c) Four civilians lost their lives as
a result of the crash.

Awarding of revised pay-scales to the ISM Doctors

*246. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

SHRI SHANKER SINH
VAGHELA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to
state:

(a) whether discussions for arriving
at a decision for awarding revised
pay-scales, etc. as recommended by
the Fourth Pay Commission for the
doctors of the Indian Systems of
Medicines and Homoeopathy, have
been completed; if so, what are the
details thereof;

(b) when were the Pay Commission's
recommendations announced; and

(c) when was the interim relief pro-
vided to the ISM doctors and how
much?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FA-
MILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ
KHAPARDE): (a) The matter at pre-
sent is under active consideration of
the Ministry of Finance.

(b) June, 1986.

(c) No interim relief has been pro-
vided to ISM doctors as the recom-
mendations of the Fourth Pay Com-
mission are still under consideration.

U.N.I.C.E.F. Report on the death of children in India

*247. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOW-
DHURY: Will the Minister of
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that accord-
ing to a report of the United Nations
International Children's Emergency
Fund, out of the two crores children
born in India every year, 70 per cent
of them die within four years;

(b) if so, what are the details
thereof;

(c) the causes of the deaths; and

(d) whether any steps are being
taken by Government to save the lives
of the children and if so, the funds
allocated for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FA-
MILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ
KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) According
to latest estimate of Sample Registra-
tion Scheme of Registrar General of
India the death rate of children in the
age group 0-4 years was 38.4 per 1000
for the year 1985.

(c) The important causes of child-
hood mortality are pre-maturity, diar-
rhoeal diseases, acute respiratory in-
fection, diseases preventable by im-
munisation e.g. tetanus, diphtheria,
tuberculosis etc. and mal-nutrition.

(d) In addition to a sum of Rs. 520
crores allocated by Department of
Women and Child Development for
implementation of Integrated Child