

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A MIG 27 aircraft crashed near Hashimara aircraft on 24th July, 2010. While the pilot was able to eject safely, 3 civilians were killed and 14 injured due to the crash.

(c) The number of accidents has not gone up. 13 accidents occurred during financial year (FY) 2008-2009, 14 accidents occurred during FY 2009-10 and 2 accidents have taken place during the current FY 2010-2011 (up to 5.8.2010).

(d) and (e) Adequate training is provided to pilots to prevent accidents. The training pattern is suitably tailored to factor in a positive safety attitude in the trainees right from the basis stage of flying. Towards this end, Crew Resource Management and Operational Risk Management to enable safe mission launches, aviation psychology course and introduction of Aerospace safety capsules in the ab *initio* training has been introduced by the IAF.

Hacking of documents by Chinese hackers

†1840. SHRI KAPTAN SINGH SOLANKI : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that documents of Indian Defence Ministry have been hacked by Chinese hackers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether decision has been taken by Government to take any concrete action in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY) : (a) and (b) The report of hacking Indian Defence Ministry documents put up by a group researchers at the Munk School of global Affairs, University of Toronto, Canada was analysed thoroughly. It was ascertained that only certain internet facing computers were compromised by the hackers which had no sensitive defence data.

(c) and (d) to mitigate such incidents from recurring in the future, organizations under Ministry of Defence have worked out a Crisis Management Plan for measured response in case of any

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untoward incident. Defence Information Assurance and research Agency (DIARA), a nodal agency mandated to deal with all cyber security related issues of Tri Services and Ministry of Defence is having a close coordination with national agencies like Computer Emergency Resource Team – India (CERT-In) and National Training Research Organisation (NTRO). Services Headquarters have an Information Security Policy and their networks are attituded as per the guidelines.

Jharkhand tribal regiment

1841. MS. MABEL REBELLO : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to raise a Jharkhand tribal regiment to tackle large scale unemployment and naxal problems of the State;

(b) if so, by when the regiment is proposed to be raised; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The policy of the Government is not to raise any new regiment on the basis of a particular class, creed, community, religion, but to have an Army in which all Indians have representation.

Navy exercises on Eastern Front

1842. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Navy has deputed four warships on eastern front to hold exercises with Navies of Indonesia, Australia and Singapore;

(b) if so, the objective behind this;

(c) whether such exercises were carried out in the past;

(d) if so, how far they have helped in increasing operational efficiency and effectiveness; and

(e) whether such exercises do not help leakages of strategic information of our Navy?