

(b) whether according to a Minister of Pakistan, both India and Pakistan have agreed that the agencies of two countries would be working together to prevent any repeat of Mumbai attack?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) The Indian delegation to the 8th SAARC Conference on Cooperation in Police Matters (held in Islamabad on 24/06/2010) was headed by the Head of the Intelligence Bureau of India. On the sidelines of the said conference, he held a meeting with his counterpart from Pakistan.

(b) During his bilateral meetings with the Home Minister on the sidelines of the third meeting of SAARC Home/Interior Ministers, the Pakistan Interior Minister (PIM) suggested establishing focal points to tackle terrorism and real time intelligence sharing. The Minister also suggested cooperation between investigation agencies of the two countries.

#### **IAF crashes due to human error**

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(a) whether Government has admitted that a large number of IAF crashes have taken place due to human error;

(b) if so, whether Government has since contemplated any steps to provide adequate training to pilots to check such IAF crashes; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) to (c) The two main causes of aircraft accidents in the Indian Air Force (IAF) are Human Error (HE) and Technical Defect (TD). During the last five years (2005-2006 to 2009-2010), approximately 40% of the aircraft accidents in the IAF were due to Human Error.

Various steps have been initiated by the Government to provide adequate training to pilots to prevent accidents due to Human Error. Some of these steps include increased use of simulators to practice procedures and emergency actions, focused and realistic training with additional emphasis on the critical aspects of mission, introduction of 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.