

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.892
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 20TH DECEMBER, 2017

DEATH OF PILOTS

892. SHRIMATI KAVITHA KALVAKUNTLA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE j{k k ea=h
be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of pilots who lost their lives on duty during the last three years;
- (b) the number of helicopters and aircrafts destroyed during the course of official duty in the same period;
- (c) whether any remedial checks and balances have been instituted by the Government to ensure safety of lives; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

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MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

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(a) & (b): During the last three years (FY 2014-15 to 2016-17), a total of 35 Defence aircraft, including 11 helicopters have crashed resulting in death of 14 pilots.

(c) & (d): Every aircraft accident/incident is thoroughly investigated by a Court /Board of Inquiry to ascertain the cause of accident and the recommendations of the completed Court/Board of Inquiry are implemented. Various preventive measures are being taken including invigoration of Aviation Safety Organization, streamlining of accident/incident reporting procedure, analytical studies and quality audits of the aircraft fleets to identify vulnerable areas to avoid aircraft accidents. Accident prevention programmes have been given an added thrust to identify risk prone/hazardous areas specific to the aircraft fleets and operational environment to ensure safe practices/procedures.
