

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3713**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2019

**CRASH OF MIG 29 FIGHTER JET**

3713. SHRI K. MURALEEDHARAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a MIG 29K fighter Jet of Navy on a routine mission crashed after an engine failure due to a bird strike in Goa;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the total number of fighter jets of defence force that crashed during the last two years; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to prevent such crashes?

**A N S W E R**

MINISTER OF STATE  
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(a) to (d): On 16.11.2019, a MiG 29 KUB (trainer) aircraft encountered a flock of birds after takeoff from Naval Air Station at Dabolim, Goa and caught fire. Attempts to recover the aircraft were unsuccessful due to damage and low height. There was no loss of life or damage to property on ground.

13 fighter aircrafts have crashed during the period from 2017-18 to November, 2019.

Every accident is followed by an investigation by Board of Inquiry/Court of Inquiry which gives causes of accident and suggests remedial measures to avoid similar accident in future. These recommendations are circulated to all the operating units for implementation.

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