

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1829
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21st SEPTEMBER, 2020

GARBAGE DISPOSAL AROUND AMBALA AIRBASE

1829. SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJ:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian Airforce authorities have approached the Haryana Government seeking prompt measures to address the garbage disposal method around Ambala Airforce Station Zone as bird menace threatens the safety of fighter aircrafts and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the large concentration of birds including vultures around Ambala Airforce Station is due the presence of garbage which require mechanised Solid Waste Management Schemes and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the once-biggest fighter-jet base at Hindon near Ghaziabad has now been turned into a sprawling non-operational airforce base because of unhindered animal slaughter units in the adjoining villages as breeding grounds for birds and vultures and if so, the details thereof?

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MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(SHRI SHRIPAD NAIK)

- (a) Yes, Sir. IAF has approached Haryana Govt seeking prompt measures to address the garbage disposal method around Ambala Air Force Station. Recently, the matter was taken up with Chief Secretary Haryana. The matter had also been discussed at Aerodrome Environment Management Committee (AEMC) meetings for providing safe flying environment.
- (b) Large concentration of different types of birds around Ambala air base has been seen, predominantly due to presence of garbage. The measures require commissioning of scientific Solid Waste Management plant at a distance of more than 10 Kms from the Ambala airbase.
- (c) Hindon Air base at Ghaziabad continues to be operational by effective Aerospace Safety measures.
