

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1413
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28th July, 2021

MIG AIRCRAFTS

1413. SHRI NITESH GANGA DEB:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian Air Force plans to phase out the MiG series aircraft due to frequent accidents in recent years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the time line for acquiring 36 Rafale air craft has been advanced due to the threat that our country is facing in eastern and north western border recently; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

A N S W E R

MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(SHRI AJAY BHATT)

(a) & (b): Phasing out of aircrafts and their replacement with new generation aircrafts depend upon national security, strategic objectives and operational requirements of the defence forces and is reviewed by the Government from time to time. This is a continuous process. The MiG series aircrafts follow the process of phasing out in a staggered manner on completion of their Total Calendar Life/Total Technical Life.

(c) & (d): The delivery of 36 Rafale aircraft is proceeding as per schedule. As on date, a total of 26 aircraft have been accepted and ferried to India.
