

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE  
**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3310**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 18<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2015

**USE OF HIGHWAY STRETCHES AS LANDING STRIPS**

3310. SHRI MOHITE PATIL VIJAYSINH SHANKARRAO:

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SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:

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

- (a) whether the Indian Air Force (IAF) has taken a step forward to use highway stretches as 'landing strips' in an emergency for fighter aircraft;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the plans of the Government in this regard;
- (c) whether the IAF has asked the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) to upgrade the existing highways or build new ones for the purpose; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the response of the NHAI thereto?

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MINISTER OF DEFENCE

(SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

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**(a) & (b):** Yes, the Indian Air Force (IAF) has initiated action to use highway stretches as 'landing strips' in an emergency. A landing was carried out by a Mirage 2000 aircraft on the Yamuna Expressway on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2015.

**(c) & (d):** A generic plan for utilisation of National Highways as landing Strips during eventualities by IAF has been sent to Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.

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