

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3249  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 5<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2016

USE OF NATIONAL HIGHWAYS AS LANDING STRIPS

3249. SHRIMATI RANJANBEN BHATT:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE please be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian Air Force (IAF) has taken any decision to use national highways stretches as landing strips for small aircrafts; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

A N S W E R

MINISTER OF DEFENCE  
Shri Manohar Parrikar

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**(a) & (b):** The Indian Air Force has taken a step forward 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. A generic plan for utilization of National Highways as landing Strips during eventualities by IAF has been sent to Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.

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