GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF DEFENCE DEPARTMENT OF EX-SERVICEMEN WELFARE **RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 531** TO BE ANSWERED ON 12th December, 2022

LAUNCHING OF SPECIAL PORTAL FOR BATTLE CASUALTIES WELFARE FUND

531 SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA: SHRI RAJMANI PATEL:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has launched a special portal for contribution towards armedforces battle causalities welfare fund for providing financial assistance to the families of soldiers who are injured or died during military operations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has any plan to address letters to big corporate houses to donategenerously for this fund; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(SHRI AJAY BHATT)

(a): Yes, Sir. Website namely "MaaBharatiKeSapoot" was launched by the Hon'ble RakshaMantri Shri Rajnath Singh on 14 October, 2022 for contribution towards armed forces battle casualties welfare fund for providing financial assistance to the families of soldiers who are injured or died during military operations. However, the fund has been in existence since the year 2016.

(b): MaaBharatikeSapoot website has been launched, so that the spirited Indian citizens, corporates, banks and premier organisation can directly make their contributions towards Armed Forces Battle Casualties Welfare Fund (AFBCWF), for providing immediate financial assistance to the families of soldiers who have scarified their lives or injured during military operations. Details of AFBCWF account is as under: -

Account Name :	Armed Forces Battle Casualties Welfare Fund (AFBCWF)
Account No. :	90552010165915
Bank Name :	Canara Bank Ltd. DoD, South Block
IFSC Code :	CNRB0019055
Website :	www.maabharatikesapoot.mod.gov.in

(c) & (d): Yes, Sir. Army Headquarter has sent letters to prominent industry leaders and Banks.