

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

**STARRED QUESTION NO.343**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 9<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2016

**FACILITIES TO NON-COMMISSIONED DEFENCE OFFICIALS**

\*343. SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:  
SHRI MANSUKHBHAI DHANJIBHAI VASAVA:

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

- (a) whether non-commissioned defence officials including soldiers are being provided facilities as per their entitlements especially in difficult terrains and high altitude areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has taken note of supply of substandard items and inadequate facilities being extended to them during the last three years and the current year; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the corrective action taken by the Government thereon?

**A N S W E R**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE

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(SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

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**(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.**

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 343 FOR ANSWER ON 9.12.2016**

**(a) & (b):** Pay and allowances and other benefits / facilities are provided to defence personnel including non-commissioned officers and soldiers as per Government orders issued from time to time. Apart from pay, the defence personnel deployed in tough conditions are given certain compensatory allowances i.e. Field Area Allowance, Siachen Allowance, High Altitude Allowance, Island Special Duty Allowance, etc. and also special clothing and ration as per extant rules.

**(c) & (d):** No major complaint regarding supply of substandard items and inadequate facilities to defence personnel has been received by the Government. Provisioning of facilities to soldiers is a command function. It is ensured that all soldiers are provided facilities as per their entitlements. However, in case of any quality issues found with respect to supplies, adequate procedures are in place for taking suitable action. Further, improvement of facilities, service conditions etc. of defence personnel is a continuous process.

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