

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3998**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 9<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2016

**FIRE IN DEFENCE ESTABLISHMENTS**

3998. SHRI MD. BADARUDDOZA KHAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of fire incidents / tragedy in various defence establishments in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the total number of persons injured / killed and financial losses occurred during the last three years and the current year;
- (c) whether the Government has ordered any inquiry in this regard, if so, the details and present status thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to check such incidents in future?

**A N S W E R**

MINISTER OF STATE  
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(DR. SUBHASH BHAMRE)

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(डा. सुभाष भामरे)

**(a) to (d): A statement is attached.**

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3998 FOR ANSWER ON 9.12.2016**

**(a) to (d):** One incident of major fire took place in the boat shed of the Indian Naval Watermanship Training Centre (INWTC), Port Blair on 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2015 causing death of one sailor and financial loss of Rs. 1.56 crore. No incident of major fire has taken place in the Air Force establishment. The information in respect of Indian Army is as follows:

Year	Number of Fire Incidents	Casualties		Estimated Loss (Rs. in lakhs)
		Fatal	Injured	
2013-14	25	-	3	166.32
2014-15	28	1	3	3137.53
2015-16	22	-	3	123.05
2016-17*	13	19	17	10.50**

\* For the period 1.4.2016 to 7.12.2016

\*\*Loss in respect of 2 incidents only

Inquiry has been ordered in all the cases and based the outcome of the Inquiries, all concerned have been directed to take remedial and preventive measures.

The steps taken to prevent fire incidents inter alia include the following:

- (i) Developing Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and adherence to them by all concerned.
- (ii) Up-gradation and modernization of fire fighting infrastructure.
- (iii) Continuous training to educate the personnel in fire fighting and prevention.
- (iv) Filling up the vacancies in the Fire fighting Cadre.

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