

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4195
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 11TH AUGUST, 2017
SHORTAGE OF MEDALS

4195. SHRI KONAKALLA NARAYANA RAO:
SHRI K. ASHOK KUMAR:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is shortage of medals to be awarded to defence personnel for various achievements including bravery, distinguished service etc.;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether medals have not being issued to defence personnel since 2008 and a backlog of medals has been created;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard?

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MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(DR. SUBHASH BHAMRE)

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(a) to (d): There is no shortage of Gallantry and Distinguished Service Awards. However, as on 31.12.2016, around 16,82,577 service medals were pending for issue to the Tri-services i.e. Army, Navy and Air Force.

The Directorate of Military Regulations and Forms (DMR&F) has issued 9,88,062 service medals to the Armed Forces since 2008.

(e) The Directorate of Military Regulations and Forms (DMR&F) was earlier issuing service medals to the respective Record Offices. This work has now been transferred to the respective Service Headquarters. With the decentralization of issue of service medals from the DMR&F to the respective Service Headquarters, procurement process of these medals will be streamlined and backlog cleared.
