

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4306  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 11<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2017  
UNIFORM FOR SOLDIERS

4306. SHRI ARVIND SAWANT:  
SHRIMATI REKHA VERMA:  
SHRIMATI MAUSAM NOOR:

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

- (a) whether the Government has carried out any study to identify needs for special uniforms for safety of soldiers deployed on borders / field areas in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has decided to procure bullet proof jackets and protective gears / garments for soldiers in a time bound manner;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the procurement is likely to be made; and
- (d) whether the Government proposes to frame any policy for periodic review and necessary upgradation in the uniforms of the soldiers and if so, the details thereof?

A N S W E R

MINISTER OF STATE (DR. SUBHASH BHAMRE)  
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**(a) Requirement for special uniforms for safety of soldiers deployed on borders / field areas in the country is assessed regularly and provision for introduction of new items / improved version of existing items is made as per prescribed procedure.**

**(b) & (c): The Government undertakes procurement of Bullet Proof Jackets (BPJs) and other necessary protective gears / garments for soldiers from time to time as per authorization. During 2016-17, 50,000 BPJs have been procured for Indian Army through Revenue route. Procurement of 1,86,138 BPJs through Capital route, under Buy (Indian) category, is at Ballistic Evaluation Stage. Further, a contract for procurement of 1,58,279 Ballistic Helmet through Capital route has been concluded in December 2016.**

**(d) Upgradation and provision of improved version of special uniforms is a continuous process for which necessary steps are taken regularly.**

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