

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2854
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17th March, 2023

GUIDELINES FOR AWARDING PARAM VIR CHAKRA AND MAHA VIR CHAKRA

2854. SHRI P. RAVINDHRANATH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of guidelines predefined for awarding Param Vir Chakra and Maha Vir Chakra to the Indian citizens/soldiers; and
- (b) the details of the persons to whom said Param Vir Chakra and Maha Vir Chakra awards have been awarded during the last four financial years and the current year?

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MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(SHRI AJAY BHATT)

(a): Guidelines for awarding Param Vir Chakra: The Chakra shall be awarded for most conspicuous bravery or some daring or pre-eminent act of valour or self-sacrifice, in the presence of the enemy, whether on land, at sea, or in the air to (i) Officers, men and women of all ranks of Naval, Military and Air Forces, of any of the Reserve Forces, of the Territorial Army, Militia and of any other lawfully constituted Armed Forces and (ii) Matrons, Sisters, Nurses and the Staff of the Nursing Services and other Services pertaining to Hospitals and Nursing, and Civilians of either sex serving regularly or temporarily under the orders, directions or supervision of any of the above mentioned Forces.

Guidelines for awarding Maha Vir Chakra: The Chakra shall be awarded for acts of gallantry in the presence of the enemy, whether on land, at sea, or in the air to (i) Officers and men and women of all ranks of Naval, Military and Air Forces, of any of the Reserve Forces, of the Territorial Army, Militia and of any other lawfully constituted Armed Forces and (ii) Matrons, Sisters, Nurses and the Staff of the Nursing Services and other Services pertaining to Hospitals and Nursing, and Civilians of either sex serving regularly or temporarily under the orders, directions or supervision of any of the above mentioned Forces.

(b): During the period of 2018-19 to 2022-23, only one (01) Maha Vir Chakra has been awarded {IC-64450M} Colonel Bikumala Santosh Babu, 16th Battalion the Bihar Regiment (Posthumous)} in 2021. No Param Vir Chakra has been awarded during these years.
