

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2116
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15th December, 2023

RESCUE OPERATIONS BY ARMED FORCES

2116. SHRI PRADEEP KUMAR SINGH:

SHRI JANARDAN MISHRA:

SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH CHANDEL:

SHRI GOPAL JEE THAKUR:

SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

SHRI B.Y. RAGHAVENDRA:

SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:

SHRI LALLU SINGH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the rescue operations carried out by various wings of the Indian Armed Forces both domestic and abroad this year;
- (b) whether the Government had sent Army to conduct rescue operation for 41 workers trapped in a tunnel in Uttarakhand;
- (c) if so, the details thereof including the number of army persons involved in the rescue operations;
- (d) whether it is a fact the Army personnel reached the location but could not take part in the rescue operations; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor?

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MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(SHRI AJAY BHATT)

(a): Rescue operations carried out by various wings of the Indian Armed Forces both domestic and abroad this year are as tabulated below:-

Service	Domestic	Abroad	Remarks
Indian Army	18	02	Humanitarian Assistance, Disaster Relief and Medical Assistance.
Indian Navy	46	139	
Indian Air Force	09	04	

(b) to (e): Yes, Sir. An Engineer Column of one Officer, four Junior Commissioned Officers and 44 Other Ranks was deployed. The Indian Army acted upon the requisition received from civil administration, Uttarakhand.
