

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2857**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2020  
**FRATRICIDE CASES IN ARMED FORCES**

2857. ADV. A.M. ARIFF:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of fratricide cases reported in the armed forces during the last three years;
- (b) whether the Government has taken steps to prevent such incidents; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**A N S W E R**

MINISTER OF STATE  
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

रक्षा राज्य मंत्री

(SHRI SHRIPAD NAIK)

(श्री श्रीपाद नाईक)

(a) Details of instances of fratricide in the three services of the Armed Forces in the last three years are given as under:-

Year	Army	Navy	Air Force
2017	01	Nil	Nil
2018	01	Nil	Nil
2019	02	Nil	01

(b) & (c): Yes, Sir. On the basis of the findings of the studies conducted by Defence Institute of Psychological Research (DIPR), the Government has taken several steps towards stress amelioration amongst troops which include deployment of trained psychological counsellors, improvement in the quality of food and clothing, training in stress management, provision of recreational facilities, buddy system, leave concessions, approachability of seniors, facilities for movement of troops from border areas and establishing a grievance redressal mechanism at various levels, etc.

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