

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1738
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21st SEPTEMBER, 2020

BULLET PROOF VESTS

1738. SHRI SHANMUGA SUNDARAM K.:

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken immediate steps for providing bullet-proof jacket/vests for the soldiers especially gear like modular bullet proof vests or ballistic helmets;
- (b) if so, the total number of bullet proof vests required for the entire armed forces;
- (c) whether the ballistic helmets shall have internal communication gear and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether these bullet proof vests shall have the norms prescribed by General Staff Qualitative requirements and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the total number of casualties of soldiers till date due to the ineffective bullet proof vests?

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MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(SHRI SHRIPAD NAIK)

(a) to (c): Bullet Proof Jackets (BPJs) and Ballistic Helmets are provided to soldiers as per authorization and operational requirements. The Contract for procurement of 1,86,138 BPJs and 1,58,279 Ballistic Helmets was concluded in April, 2018 and December, 2016 respectively. Ballistic Helmets equipped with internal communication gear are also part of this procurement.

(d) BPJs are procured as per General Staff Qualitative Requirements (GSQRs) which are reviewed from time to time based on the operational requirements of the Armed Forces.

(e) It is difficult to ascertain every time the clear cause for casualty of soldiers attributable to BPJs.
