

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2614**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2021

**NATIONAL WAR MEMORIAL**

2614. COL. RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the outflow towards establishing the National War Memorial to commemorate the gallantry awardees and KIA/ MIA of India;
- (b) whether the Government is considering any web portal for highlighting the valour and courage of gallantry awardees to honour the awardees and inspire the citizens of India;
- (c) if so, the budget planned for such a prestigious and humbling task over the last five years and the details of year wise allocation, expenditure, and agencies involved;
- (d) the initiatives being taken to highlight India's gallantry awardees, the roadmap for the same including the details of social media initiatives and outreach through various stakeholders; and
- (e) whether the organizational setup to handle the task is a dedicated organisation or an ad-hoc one and if so, the details and the reasons therefor?

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MINISTER OF STATE  
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(SHRI AJAY BHATT)

(a) The construction cost towards establishing the National War Memorial is Rs. 176.65 Crore (Rupees One Hundred Seventy Six Crore and Sixty Five Lakhs only). Further, Bharat Electronics Limited has been nominated to execute the project of Enhancement of Digital Appeal at National War Memorial.

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(b) The online portal dedicated to the gallantry award winners has already been created during 2017-18.

(c) The online portal dedicated to the gallantry award winners has been created during 2017-18 with an estimated expenditure of Rs. 7,11,500/ (Rupees Seven Lakh Eleven Thousand and Five Hundred only).

Further Ministry of Defence has entered into an agreement with Raksha Rashtriya University (RRU) for improvement of the portal at a monthly payment of Rs. 1,59,000/- (One Lakh and Fifty Nine Thousand only). In the FY 2020-21, the expenditure was Rs. 4,77,000/- (Rupees Four Lakh and Seventy Seven Thousand only) and in FY 2021-22 till May 2021, the expenditure was Rs. 3,18,000/- (Rupees Three Lakh and Eighteen Thousand only).

Ministry of Defence has also entered into a contract with M/s Broadcasting Engineering Consultants India Limited (BECIL) w.e.f. 01 May 2021 to 30 Apr 2022 @ Rs. 77,172/- per month for deployment of consultant (Social Media) to assist the Ministry in enrichment of Gallantry Awards Portal.

(d) The Ministry has introduced various modules/activities viz. option of paying tribute, taking pledge, motivational videos, information of war memorials and war histories, e-Books etc. Various public participative events viz. Quiz on Gallantry Awards, tribute competition, logo design competition, live streaming of NCC activities at statues of Awardees are also conducted from time to time. MoD have also created dedicated social media handles for publicity of activities planned on Gallantry Portal and also Youtube channel for uploading of videos relating to the Awardees.

(e) Ministry of Defence, in coordination with National e-Governance Division (NeGD), Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space and Geo-informatics (BISAG) (under Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology), Rashtriya Raksha University (RRU), Armed Forces and NIC, is maintaining the portal to honour the gallantry awardees.

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