GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF DEFENCE DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 89 TO BE ANSWERED ON 22ndJuly, 2022

MEMORIALS OF WOMEN WARRIORS

*89. SHRI ANNASAHEB SHANKAR JOLLE:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any of the contingents of the Indian Army is having memorials of or named after the accomplished women warriors of past such as Belawadi Mallamma and Kittur Rani Channamma;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government would consider such a proposal if sent through proper channel or through the concerned State Governments;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government proposes to announce separate awards for women soldiers serving the nation in the armed forces at par with the current Gallantry awards and if so, the details thereof?

<u>ANSWER</u>

MINISTER OF DEFENCE

(SHRI RAJNATH SINGH)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION No. 89 FOR ANSWER ON 22.07.2022 REGARDING MEMORIALS OF WOMEN WARRIORS.;

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Memorials in Indian Army are dedicated to pay a befitting tribute to Armed Forces Personnel who have made the supreme sacrifice defending the nation.

(c) & (d): No, Sir.

(e): No, Sir. All Gallantry awards are equally applicable to members of Armed Forces, irrespective of gender.
