

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO.44

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 26<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2016

DEPLOYMENT AT SIACHEN

\*44. SHRIMATI V. SATHYA BAMA:  
SHRI B. SENGUTTUVAN:

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

- (a) whether the defence personnel deployed at Siachen are being given any special allowance and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of the defence personnel died due to avalanche in Siachen during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (c) the details of the compensation paid to the families of these martyrs including special compensation, if any; and
- (d) the details of provisioning made for high altitude clothing and other gadgets / equipments for safety and security of soldiers posted at Siachen along with funds made available during each of the last three years?

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MINISTER OF DEFENCE

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**(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.**

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA  
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(a) Defence Service personnel deployed at Siachen are granted Siachen Allowance at the rates given below:

(i)	Officers	-	Rs.21,000/-p.m.
(ii)	Junior Commissioned Officers (JCO)/ Other Ranks (OR)	-	Rs.14,001/-p.m.

In addition to above, Service personnel posted at Siachen also gets Highly Active Field Area Allowances at the following rates:

<b>OFFICERS</b>	Lieutenant Colonel & above and equivalent	12600
	Major and equivalent	11640
	Captain and equivalent	10650
	Lieutenant and equivalent	10170
<b>Person Below Officers Ranks (PBOR)</b>	JCO & equivalent	8730
	Havildar & equivalent	5820
	Naik / Sepoy & equivalent	4860

(b) Details of defence personnel who have died due to avalanche in Siachen during the last three years and the current year are as under:-

Year	Died due to avalanche in Siachen Glacier	
	Officers	JCOs / ORs
2013	-	-
2014	-	-
2015	01	03
2016	-	14

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(c) Details of compensation etc. paid / payable to the Widows / Next of Kins (NoKs) of soldiers [Battle Casualties (Fatal)] are as Annexed.

(d) The Allotment and Expenditure for provisioning of high altitude clothing and stores in last three years are as under:

(Amount in Crore)

Financial Year	Budget Allotment	Expenditure
2012-13	90.37	88.72
2013-14	126.02	123.19
2014-15	143.28	94.07
2015-16	207.75 (RE)	101.19 (as on 20.2.2016)

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**ANNEXURE-I REFERRED IN THE REPLY GIVEN IN THE STATEMENT IN PART (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 44 FOR ANSWER ON 26.2.2016**

**FINANCIAL COMPENSATION PERTAINING TO FAMILIES OF MARTYRS WHO DIED DUE TO AVALANCHE IN SIACHEN (2015 & 2016):**

The details of payment to the Next of Kin (NoK) of the Martyrs are as under:-

**(A) Year 2015:**

**(1) Officer:- Captain Ashwani Kumar:**

- (a) Rs.60 lakhs from Army Group Insurance (AGI) Fund.
- (b) Rs.1 lakh from Armed Forces Medical Services (AFMS) Officers' Benevolent Fund.
- (c) Rs.50,000/- unit contribution by all personnel from 403 Field Hospital.
- (d) Rs.15,000/- from Central Army Wives Welfare Association (AWWA) Fund.
- (e) Rs.10,000/- from OP BABA Fund.
- (f) Defence Services Officers Provident (DSOP) Fund and leave encashment are under process.
- (g) Family Pension and Death cum Retirement Gratuity (DCRG) documents awaited from NoK.
- (h) Ex-gratia Grant – Case is under process.

**(2) Junior Commissioned Officers (JCOs) / Other Ranks (ORs):-**

S. No.	Army No., Rank & Name	Regt/Corps	Financial Assistance (Rs.) paid to the NoK.
(1)	2491127Y LNK Amarjit Singh	28 PUNJAB	Final Settlement of Accounts (FSA)-126127 Armed Forces Personnel Provident Fund(AFPP FUND)-662483 Army Central Welfare Fund(ACWF) - 30000 AWWA-15000 AGI(Insurance)-2500000 AGI(Maturity)-190930 DCRG-370212 Liberalised Family Pension(LFP)-14590 Ex-Gratia-1500000

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(2)	2493817W LNK Prakash Chand	28 PUNJAB	FSA-373677 AFPP FUND-608069 ACWF-30000 AWWA-15000 AGI(I)-2500000 AGI(M)-190180 DCRG-370212 LFP-14590 Ex-Gratia-1500000
(3)	2499001H LNK Dharminder Singh	28 PUNJAB	FSA-22092 AFPP FUND-405539 ACWF-30000 AWWA-15000 AGI(I)-2500000 AGI(M)-179430 DCRG-348744 LFP-13750 Ex-Gratia-1500000

**(B) Year 2016:-Payment of Compensation / Benefits to the 14 (fourteen) martyrs in 2016 is under process and would be made expeditiously.**

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