

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE  
**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.500**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 26<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2016

**FACILITIES AT SIACHEN**

500. SHRIMATI VASANTHI M.:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE ज़कक ea=h  
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that during the winter time our soldiers are affected due to avalanche and also lose their lives;
- (b) if so, the details of steps taken by the Government thereon; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**A N S W E R**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE

(SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

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**(a) to (c): Indian Army is deployed in the area of Siachen Glacier in Jammu & Kashmir in extremely harsh terrain and weather conditions. The troops deployed in this area are suitably equipped and trained to undertake the operational challenges and carry out their mandated tasks. The weather conditions in the area are closely monitored and weather warnings issued are strictly followed in terms of restriction on movements of the troops.**

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