GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

LOK SABHA

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SOLDIERS DIED ALONG INDO PAKISTAN BORDER

NARANBHAI KACHHADIA

(a) the number of soldiers and civilians died while removing land mines along the Indo-Pakistan border and Line of Control during each of the last three years and the current year; and

(b) the steps being taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to provide latest equipment and safety tools to defence personnel for removing land mines expeditiously so as to avoid casualties?

Will the Minister of DEFENCEbe pleased to state:-

ANSWER

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

(a) No demining operations have been undertaken along the Indo-Pakistan border and Line of Control (LC) during the last three years and current year. However, one Army soldier has died due to landmine accident along the LC during this period. Further, there is no report of death of any civilian during this period.

(b) Due care is taken to ensure minimum casualties to soldiers and civilians due to mine accidents. Mechanical and hand-held demining equipment is available with Army. Mine detectors including Deep Search Mine Detectors have been procured and made available to Army formations.