

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Regarding grant of additional compensation to victims of Covid-19 in Defence service –laid.

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SHRI ANUMULA REVANTH REDDY (MALKAJIGIRI) : Through my question, I came to know that 25418 CAPF personnel were tested COVID Positive and 100 of them have died due to the virus. A little relief in this sad time was to know that in addition to normal benefits available to a CAPF personnel on death, Rs. 15 lakh was additionally provided to the next of Kin through “Bharat Ke Veer” Funds.

Then through my other question, I was shocked to know that there is no special compensation for the deaths occurring due to infectious diseases while in service for our defence personnel. 16758 in Army, 1365 in Air Force and 1716 in Navy were tested COVID 19 positive with a total of 35 deaths.

Therefore similar additional compensation of Rs 15 lakh to next of Kin of Defence personnel should be announced at the earliest. Let's stand in solidarity with our army.