

The total number of soldiers (ORs) recruited during the last three financial years (i.e. 1993-94, 1994-95, 1995-96) is 2,06,515. The number of personnel who had retired/discharged/killed during this period was 1,39,821. The ratio of recruitment to retirement is more than 1 because recruits were also needed to fill up existing deficiencies, requirements of new raisings, and releases to Rashtriya Rifles.

Harassment of Women in Delhi University

1401. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been invited to news-item captioned "Women harassed, but do the dons care?" appearing in the 'Hindustan Times', dated December 19, 1996;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein; and

(c) the action taken to prevent such harassment of women in the University of Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A factual report on the allegations made in the news-item has been called for from the University and any further action in the matter would be possible after the same is received.

Crash of AVRO Plane

1402. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether AVRO-1023 crashed at Prakasham District, Andhra Pradesh on December 26, 1996;

(b) if so, whether the number of farmers, whose houses and crops have been damaged due to the crash, were ignored for providing compensation for the damage; and

(c) if so, the total number of farmers affected and the details of compensation provided to each farmer?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) to (c) On 24th December, 1996, an IAF AVRO HS-748 aircraft flying from Tambaram to Begumpet crashed 7 Nautical Miles West of Pamuru district, Nellore. A Court of Inquiry into the incident has been ordered.

Problems faced by Soldiers

1403. SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether soldiers deployed in counter-insurgency operations had been facing psychological problems;

(b) if so, whether any study has been conducted in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) The possibility that soldiers deployed in counter-insurgency operations face psychological problems due to long deployment cannot be ruled out. However, this problem has not been significant in the Indian Armed Forces.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Question does not arise.

Harappan Vedic Links

1404. SHRI SATYAJITSINH DULIPSINH GAEKWAD: SHRIMATI BHAVNA BEN DEVRAJ BHAI CHIKHALIA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the news-item appearing in 'Hindustan Times' dated January 1, 1997 under the caption "Harappan Vedic links at Dholavira possible";

(b) if so, since when the excavation work has been going on and the results thereof; and

(c) the details of other protected monuments in Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The excavations at Dholavira, District Kutch, Gujarat, have been intermittently going on since 1990. The excavations have revealed a sequence of rise and fall of Harappan culture divisible into seven cultural stages, covering a time-span of over a millennium beginning from the 1st quarter of the 3rd millennium B.C and coming to an end around 1500 B.C. The excavations have also brought to light the full configuration of Harappan city planning. New evidence of monumental and aesthetic architecture have been gathered. Evidences of congregation ground or stadium having seating arrangement, water harvesting and storage system, information bearing on the funerary structures' and practices have also been documented. An inscription consisting ten large-sized Harappan signs is a unique discovery of the site. Besides stamp seals probably depicting mythological scenes, sealings, weights and typical pottery characterising the successive cultural stages have also been unearthed.

(c) A list enclosed as statement.