

Regarding providing employment to dependants of servicemen who die due to physical casualties-laid

SHRI RAM MOHAN NAIDU KINJARAPU (SRIKAKULAM): My constituency of Srikakulam has a very proud history of individuals who have served our country as part of its defense services. We have the highest number of recruitments among the districts of Andhra Pradesh, something which I am extremely proud of. Today, I wish to raise two issues, namely: benefits given to dependants of physical casualties: Every year, we lose more soldiers to physical casualties (Road/train accidents, etc) than battle casualties. However, it is deeply concerning that the dependants of physical casualties are not given the same benefits as for battle casualties. The sacrifice of our servicemen who die due to physical casualties is no less significant than that of battle casualties. Currently, in my constituency, there are more than 250 young dependants of servicemen who have passed away due to various physical casualties. There is an urgent need to give them employment so that they may be able to sustain themselves. Regarding employment opportunities for ex-servicemen, the government has made provisions to reserve jobs in certain Ministries/Departments/PSUs for ex-servicemen. However, these reserved vacancies are not being filled. Therefore, I urge upon the Government to act upon these issues immediately for the benefit of people of my constituents.

