

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2969
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ACCIDENTS OF ARMY VEHICLES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is an alarming rate of accidents involving army vehicles;
- (b) if so, the total loss suffered by Indian Army in regard to man and material due to such accident;
- (c) whether the number of army personnel died in these accidents are more than in any conflict as reported in the Times of India dated December 13, 2001 captioned `Army alarmed, by loss of men in road accident; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

- (a) & (b): During Operation PARAKRAM, between 19th December 2001 to 15th March 2002, 50 Army personnel were killed due to vehicle accidents. Material loss is being ascertained.
- (c) No, Sir.
- (d) Does not arise.