

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3678
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STATUS OF MARTYR TO SOLDIERS KILLED IN PROXY WAR
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the status of martyr has been accorded to the soldiers killed in the proxy war in Jammu and Kashmir;
- (b) whether the status of martyr had been accorded to the officers and soldiers killed in Kargil war also;
- (c) whether a practice has been set by allotting petrol pumps by the Union Government and giving monetary assistance by the State Governments to the families of martyrs of Kargil war;
- (d) whether the Government propose to accord the same status to the soldiers who lay down their lives fighting terrorism; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) & (b) : Soldiers killed in all operations are given the status of martyr.

(c) to (e) : A Statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (c) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3678
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A special scheme for direct allotment of petrol pumps/ gas agencies was formulated by the Central Government for the next of kin for martyrs of OP Vijay (Kargil) only. Dependents of soldiers killed in all other operations are eligible for allotment of oil product agencies under 8% defence quota or under discretionary quota of Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas. Similarly, various State Governments had also announced special monetary assistance for the dependents of Kargil martyrs.

The families of Armed Forces Personnel, killed by terrorists are given similar monetary benefits as admissible to the families of personnel killed in war or war like situation except in respect of ex-gratia compensation. Families of personnel killed in war/war like engagements are paid an ex-gratia of Rupees 10.00 lakhs and of those killed by the terrorists or in action against terrorists, etc. are paid ex-gratia of Rupees 7.50 lakhs. This distinction has been made keeping in view the different levels of risk, as well as the intensity of action involved in two situations.