

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2284  
ANSWERED ON:17.12.2003  
CASUALTIES OF INDIAN PEACE KEEPING FORCE PERSONNEL  
RENUKA CHOWDHURY

**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether an Indian official of the UN Peace Keeping Force in Kosovo was killed in a sniper attack in the first week of August, 2003;
- (b) if so, the total number of casualties suffered by Indian Peace-keeping Personnel in Kosovo so far; and
- (c) the details of the Indians serving in UN Peace Keeping Forces in operation in different countries at present alongwith the casualties, if any, suffered so far?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) & (b): Yes. Shri Satish Chandra Menon, Deputy Commandant, BSF, was killed in a sniper attack on 3 August 2003 while serving with the UN Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) This is the only casualty suffered by Indian peacekeeping personnel in Kosovo so far.

(c): Currently 2337 Indian troops and 365 police personnel are serving in UN Peacekeeping operations. Details are at Annexures 'A' and 'B'. The total number of Indian casualties in various UN Peacekeeping missions, so far, are 109.