

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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JAWANS KILLED IN EARTHQUAKE
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a large number of jawans of the Army killed/injured due to collapse of bunkers in the earthquake that occurred on October 8, 2005 in Jammu and Kashmir;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the compensation given to family members of deceased jawans;
- (d) the details of defence installations damaged thereby; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government for repairing the damaged defence installations?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

- (a) & (b): The details of casualties suffered by Army personnel due to damage to bunker/post/building/barrack, falling debris, landslide in the earthquake that occurred on October 8, 2005 in Jammu and Kashmir are as under:-
- (i) Killed - 45
 - (ii) Wounded - 101
- (c) The compensation is being paid to the spouse/Next of Kins of the deceased jawans as per the extant provisions.
- (d) & (e): As per preliminary assessment, damage amounting to Rs. 75 crores has been suffered by the military installations including field defences, military barracks & outposts of the Line of Control fence in Uri, Punch and Tangadhar sectors. Steps have been taken to initiate rehabilitation and reconstruction works and available defence stores have been utilized for the immediate rehabilitation of field defences.