

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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DEPLOYMENT OF INDIAN ARMY

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Indian Army has been deployed in Lebanon under the UN Peace Mission;
- (b) if so, the details alongwith the strength thereof;
- (c) whether any casualty of Indian Army has been reported since the escalation of war in Lebanon;
- (d) if so, the total number of soldiers died and injured therein;
- (e) whether the Government is contemplating to withdraw its troops deployed under the UN Peace Mission; and
- (f) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

- (a) & (b): An Infantry battalion and a Medical Team consisting of 673 personnel are deployed at present in Lebanon, as a part of the United Nations (UN) Peacekeeping Operations. The deployment of Indian troops under this UN Mission is continuing since 1998.
- (c) & (d): While no fatal casualty has been reported so far, three personnel have sustained splinter injuries. The injuries are of minor nature and the condition of all the three personnel is stable.
- (e) & (f): The Government is constantly monitoring the situation. No decision has been taken in this regard.