

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2395

ANSWERED ON:09.08.2010

CASUALTIES ON BORDERS

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken cognisance of the casualties of soldiers serving at high altitude in the border areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the action taken by the Government to prevent such casualties and keep the morale of the forces high?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (c): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2395 FOR ON 9.8.2010

During the years 2007 to 2009, there have been 18 fatal and 71 non-fatal casualties of Army personnel in high altitude areas due to environmental conditions.

The Government has taken a number of steps to prevent such casualties and to keep the morale of the forces high which include providing congenial atmosphere for troops working at high altitudes in terms of habitat infrastructure, clothing, ration and welfare measures, training and acclimatization, special medical care, grant of High Altitude Allowance etc.