

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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NATIONAL WAR MEMORIAL

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has finalised the site and secured the land for construction of National War Memorial to commemorate the great sacrifices of soldiers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the reasons for huge delay in the project; and
- (d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to complete the project without further delay?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI M.M. PALLAM RAJU)

(a) to (d): A concept paper for construction of National War Memorial, which envisages its location at India Gate Complex around 'Chhatra' has been prepared by the Ministry of Defence. The Ministry of Defence has also requested Ministry of Urban Development to assign requisite land. Since the construction of National War Memorial is contingent upon allotment of land by the Ministry of Urban Development, that Ministry has to expedite their decision for allotment of land for the purpose. Recently, however, Ministry of Urban Development has expressed reservations on the subject with respect to certain statutory clearances and availability of land.