

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:466
ANSWERED ON:13.12.2010
ASSISTANCE TO 1971 WAR VETERANS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number/details of 1971 war veterans who were decorated with various gallantry awards;
- (b) the details of assistance/facilities provided to them/their families;
- (c) whether the Government has taken cognizance of the facts that several veterans and their families are still deprived of any assistance and have been allegedly neglected over a period of time;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for redressal of their grievances?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 466 FOR ANSWER ON 13.12.2010

The details of the gallantry awards conferred to the 1971 war veterans are as under:

Name of the award Army Navy Air Force

Param Vir Chakra	03	-	01
Maha Vir Chakra	57	08	11
Kirti Chakra	01	-	-
Vir Chakra	354	46	105
Shaurya Chakra	26	06	07
Sena /Nao Sena/Vayu Sena Medal	518	111	59
Total	959	171	183

As per the procedure prevalent at that time, names and service particulars along with brief citations of the all gallantry awardees were published in the Gazette of India. The details of benefits and assistance given to these awardees are given at Annexure-I.

No specific case has come to the notice of the Government where war veterans or their families have been neglected. Government looks after the welfare of the recipients of gallantry awards and other ex-servicemen and their families through Zila Sainik Boards at District level, Rajya Sainik Board at State level and Kendriya Sainik Board at Central level. Directorate General of Resettlement and Kendriya Sainik Board also run several schemes for rehabilitation, training, employment and welfare of ex-servicemen. Gallantry award winners/war veterans are also entitled for benefits from these schemes.