

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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SECURITY TO CIVILIANS IN BORDER AREAS  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has taken steps to provide security to the civilians living in the villages along the Indo-Pak border;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has held talks with Pakistan to make the advance post areas free from landmines;
- (d) if so, whether the work of removing the landmines in the border area has been completed;
- (e) if not, the time by which the same is likely to be completed;
- (f) the number of soldiers and civilians killed/wounded in mine blasts during the last three years; and
- (g) the amount of funds paid as compensation to the victims?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (g): As part of overall defensive plans, minefields were laid along the Indo-Pak border during various operations/wars fought since independence. However, elaborate demining operations were launched after completion of operations to clear the areas from mines. All areas less a few required for operational purposes in J&K have since been demined and handed over to the respective land owners.

Details of soldiers and BSF personnel martyred/wounded in land mine blasts during the last three years in the Line of Control of Jammu and Kashmir are as under:-

Year	Killed in Mine Blast	Wounded in Mine Blast		
	Army	BSF	Army	BSF

2008	-	-	20	03
2009	02	-	19	02
2010	01	-	10	05
2011	-	-	02	-
(till 3.3.2011)				

Claims of 03 Fatal and 26 non-fatal civil land mine casualties were received and a sum of Rs.42,91,265/- have been paid to these victims during the last three years.