GOVERNMENT OF INDIA EXTERNAL AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3545 ANSWERED ON:29.07.2009 INDIAN PEACEKEEPING PERSONNEL Majhi Shri Pradeep Kumar;Patel Shri Kishanbhai Vestabhai

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India provides assistance to the United Nations in peace-keeping operations in various countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the contribution made by India to UN peace-keeping forces vis-Ã -vis other countries;
- (c) the casualties suffered by Indian troops in such peace operations; and
- (d) the details of the compensation paid to families of such deceased security personnel?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI S.M. KRISHNA)

- (a) & (b) Yes. As on 30 June 2009, India is contributing 8607 troops, police and military observers in 9 (Nine) UN Peacekeeping Operations details of which are provided as Annexure (1). Comparatively, India is the third largest such contributor. Country-wise contribution in peacekeeping is provided as Annexure (2).
- (c) Up to 30 June 2009, India suffered 131 casualties in United Nations Peacekeeping Operations.
- (d) In accordance with United Nations General Assembly Resolution 52/177 dated 20 January 1998, the United Nations pays compensation in case of death and disability connected with peacekeeping operations.