

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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WARDS OF EX-SERVICEMEN
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether free of cost education, in addition to accommodation, is provided to the wards of martyrs and Ex-servicemen;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to set up hostels at the district and tehsil levels for providing free accommodation to the wards of the martyrs and the ex-servicemen; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) Wards of Ex-servicemen who are missing/disabled/killed in action are provided various educational concessions in Government/Government aided schools/educational institutes, Military/Sainik schools and other schools/colleges recognized by Central/State Governments. This facility is available upto First degree course.

(b) (i) The following concessions are provided in accordance with Gol letter No.6-1/2009/Edu.Concession/IWD(Res), dated 25th October 2010:

Tuition Fee: Full reimbursement.

Hostel Charges: Full reimbursement of hostel charges for children studying in boarding schools and colleges.

Cost of books/stationary: Rs.1,000/- per annum per student.

Cost of Compulsory Uniform: Rs.1700/- maximum during 1st year and Rs.700/- for the subsequent year per student.

Clothing: Rs.500/- for the 1st year and Rs.300/- for the subsequent years per annum per student.

(ii) Under Raksha Mantri Discretionary Fund Children of Ex-servicemen up to Havaldar Rank are entitled to Education Grant of Rs.1000/- per month up to Graduation.

(iii) Messing and accommodation is provided to the children of war widows, war disabled, attributable cases in 35 War Memorial Hostels. Recurring grant @ Rs.1350/- per month per inmate is provided to the hostel from Armed Forces Flag Day Fund. For wards of non-attributable disabled soldiers also grants are provided @ Rs.675/- per month per inmate.

(iv) Under Prime Minister's Scholarship Scheme, every year 4000 new scholarships are given to wards of martyrs and ex-servicemen for pursuing various recognized Professional Degree Courses like B.Tech & MBBS etc.

(c) & (d): 35 war memorial hostels set up in Regimental centres in different parts of the country are catering to the welfare needs of wards of martyrs and ex-servicemen.