GOVERNMENT OF INDIA DEFENCE LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:528 ANSWERED ON:14.05.2012 INDIAN ARMY IN UN PEACEKEEPING MISSIONS Agarwal Shri Jai Prakash

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of the United Nations (UN) peacekeeping missions undertaken by the Indian Army to maintain peace in various countries during the last three years and the current year, Country-wise;
- (b) the number of Army personnel deployed in the said missions;
- (c) the number of Army personnel killed therein;
- (d) whether the United Nations makes payment to the Indian Army in this regard; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) The Indian Army is presently participating in seven UN Peacekeeping Missions since the last three years as per details below:

S.No. Name of Mission No. of personnel

- 1. Congo (MONUSCO) 3770
- 2. Lebanon (UNIFIL) 900
- 3. South Sudan (UNMISS) 2227
- 4. Golan Heights (UNDOF) 190
- 5. UNISFA (Abeyei / Sudan) 02
- 6. Ivory Coast (UNOCI) 09
- 7. East Timor (UNMIT) 01

As a consequence of creation of a new country – South Sudan, the existing Mission in Sudan (UNMIS) was closed on 9th July, 2011 in which 2454 personnel were deployed on that date and the Mission in South Sudan was started with effect from 9th July, 2011.

Observer Mission.

- (b) A total number of 7099 army personnel are currently deployed in these missions.
- (c) The total number of Indian Army personnel killed during the last three years in UN Peacekeeping Missions has been 10, i.e. seven in Congo (MONUSCO), two in Sudan (UNMIS) and one in Lebanon (UNIFIL).
- (d) Yes, UN pays death / disability compensation to the killed / injured soldiers.
- (e) An amount of USD 70,000 is paid to the Next of Kin in death cases, whereas the disability compensation is decided as per the degree of disability suffered by a soldier on active duty in UN Peacekeeping Operations.