

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:218
ANSWERED ON:27.08.2012
STRESS LEVEL OF SOLDIERS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a number of soldiers of Indian Army have left their jobs and many of them are losing interest therein;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard during the last three years, year-wise and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that mental stress is one of the major reasons for loss of interest in their jobs;
- (d) if so, whether the Government has taken measures for reducing stress among the Indian soldiers; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the resultant impact on the soldiers?

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. 218 FOR ANSWER ON 27.8.2012

The soldiers of the Indian Army have not left their jobs for loss of interest therein. The Army personnel perform their duties in congenial environment. Some Army officers / personnel have been granted premature retirement on various grounds. The details of Premature Retirement (PMR) / Resignation granted in respect of Army officers (excluding AMC, ADC, MNS) and JCOs / OR along with the reasons during the last three years are as under:-

Year Total number of PMR / Resignation granted along with the reasons

	Officers	Reasons for	Officers	JCOs/Ors	Reasons for
					JCOs / OR

2009	309	Non-empanelment,	7499	Compassionate	
2010	271	Permanent Low	7249	grounds.	
2011	302	Medical Category,	10315		
		Compassionate			
		grounds			

2. Nevertheless, Government has taken various steps to reduce stress among army personnel, viz., deployment of psychological counsellors, improvement in quality of food and clothing, liberalised leave policy and establishing a grievance redressal mechanism for defence personnel in the States etc. The steps taken to reduce the stress level amongst troops have yielded positive results.