

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3528  
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WIDOWS OF EX SERVICEMEN  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of widows of ex-servicemen at present in the country;
- (b) whether any special programme is being run by the Government for assistance and welfare of widows of ex-servicemen;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

- (a) The number of widows of ex-servicemen in the country is 547097 as on 31.12.2011, as per available data.
- (b) & (c) Yes Madam, apart from pensionary benefits admissible to widows of ex-servicemen, Government is also implementing several welfare Schemes for these widows. The details of such schemes are available at Annexure.
- (d) Does not arise.