

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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COMBAT CAPABILITY OF ARMED FORCES

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the armed forces in general and the Army in particular is becoming cause for worry due to declining combat capability;
- (b) whether the Government is aware that since 2003, 1,018 soldiers have committed suicide and the causes were domestic problems, mental discord, stress and financial problems;
- (c) if so, the details and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to take any drastic steps to improve morale and combat capability of the military and also to solve the problems of the soldiers to overcome the stress; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

- (a) to (e): Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.