

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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NATIONAL WAR MEMORIAL

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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government had decided to construct a National War Memorial commemorating sacrifices of thousands of soldiers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the present status;
- (c) whether any disputes were arisen from various quarters regarding the selection of the venue; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government to solve the issue amicably?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE (SHRI JITENDRA SINGH) MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(a) to (d): The Government constituted a Group of Ministers (GoM), headed by the Raksha Mantri to decide on the appropriate location for the National War Memorial. The GoM has given its recommendations, laying down the broad framework for construction of War Memorial while suggesting its location at 'C' Hexagon, India Gate. The Ministry of Urban Development processed these recommendations for the approval of the Competent Authority, taking into account the concerns expressed by some Government agencies over issues relating to traffic, security, availability of public space for the visitors and historical and architectural value of the site.