

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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FREE EDUCATION FOR WARDS OF MARTYRS AND EX SERVICEMEN
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the wards of martyrs, soldiers and ex-servicemen are being provided free education including free boarding;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to establish hostels at district level for the wards of martyrs and ex-servicemen; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b):

(i) The Wards of Ex-servicemen, who are missing / disabled / killed in action, studying in Government / Government aided schools / educational institutes, Military / Sainik schools and other schools / colleges recognized by Central / State Governments, are provided full reimbursement of Tuition fee & hostel charges, Rs.1000/- p.a. per student for cost of books / stationery, Rs.1700/- maximum during first year and Rs.700/- for the subsequent years per student for cost of compulsory uniform and Rs.500/- for the first year and Rs.300/- for the subsequent years per student for clothing.

(ii) An amount of Rs.1000/- per month is provided as education grant upto two children of ex-servicemen (upto Havaldar rank) upto Graduation, under Raksha Mantri Discretionary Fund.

(iii) Messing and accommodation is provided to the children of war widows, war disabled, attributable cases in 35 War Memorial Hostels. Recurring grant @ Rs.1350/- per month per inmate is provided to the hostel. For wards of non-attributable disabled soldiers grants are provided @ Rs.675/- per month per inmate.

(iv) Under Prime Minister's Scholarship Scheme, every year 4000 new scholarships are given to wards of martyrs and ex-servicemen for pursuing various recognized Professional Degree Courses like B.Tech & MBBS etc.

(v) 35 war memorial hostels set up in Regimental centres in different parts of the country are catering to the welfare needs of wards of martyrs and ex-servicemen.

(c) No, Madam.

(d) The question does not arise.