

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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SOLDIERS ON UN PEACEKEEPING MISSIONS

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of soldiers deployed in foreign countries on United Nations (UN) Peacekeeping Missions at present, country-wise;
- (b) whether all countries are following the rules / terms and conditions laid down by the United Nations for such deployments;
- (c) whether the soldiers deployed on the said Missions become victims of internal violence in these countries;
- (d) if so, the number of soldiers killed on such Missions during each of the last three years and the current year, country-wise including South Sudan;
- (e) the details of assistance provided to the next-of-kin of the soldiers killed on the said Missions during the said period; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Government to ensure security and safety of soldiers on the said Missions?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) The details of soldiers deployed on UN Missions are as Under:

Mission	No. of Personnel
MONUSCO (Congo)	3766
UNIFIL (Lebanon)	898
UNMISS (South Sudan)	2249
UNDOF (Golan Hts)	195
UNOCI (Ivory Coast)	09
UNISFA (Abeyi)	04

Total 7121

(b) & (c): Yes, Madam.

(d) The details of soldiers killed are as follows:

Mission	No. of soldiers killed			
	2010	2011	2012	2013
MONUSCO (Congo)	04	01	04	01
UNIFIL (Lebanon)	-	01	01	-
UNMISS (South Sudan)	-	-	01	05
UNDOF (Golan Hts)	-	-	-	-
UNOCI (Ivory Coast)	-	-	-	-

UNISFA (Abeyi) - - - -
Total 04 02 06 06

(e) USD 70,000 is paid to the next of kin of the deceased from UN HQ through Permanent Mission of India, New York. The Government of India also pays the Next of Kin of the deceased all benefits and entitlements including death benefits, death cum retirement gratuity, provident fund subscriptions, liberalized family pension and Ex-Gratia compensation. In addition, the State

Governments also pay lump sum payments to the Next of the Kin of the deceased as per policy in vogue in different States.

(f) Soldiers deployed on Peacekeeping Mission are equipped with personal protection kit. Infantry Combat Vehicles are also deployed in the Mission as per the operational necessity.