

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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FACILITIES TO WAR WIDOWS  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to formulate Special Incentive Schemes to develop skills among war widows;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether sufficient facilities are provided to the war widows;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (RAO INDERJIT SINGH) IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(a) & (b): The Government is implementing few incentive schemes to develop skills of the Ex-Servicemen, widows / dependants and disabled soldiers in about 67 training programmes. All the ex-servicemen and widows can also apply for training / skill courses being run for retiring soldiers w.e.f. training year 2015. However, there is no special incentive scheme to develop skills among war widows.

(c) to (e): Facilities available to the war widows are as follows:-

(i) Coal Tipper Attachment Scheme: This welfare scheme for widows / disabled soldiers is linked with the ESM Coal Loading and Transportation Scheme.

(ii) Allotment of Army Surplus Vehicles: Ex-Servicemen and widows of defence personnel who die while in service and Ex-Servicemen Co-operative societies are eligible to apply for allotment of Army Surplus Class-V 'B' Vehicles.

(iii) Allotment of Oil Products Agencies Under 8% Defence Quota: Under this scheme 8% of Oil Product Agencies are reserved under Defence Quota in LPG distributorship, Petrol / Diesel retail outlets including Kisan Seva Kendra (KSK) and SKO / LDO Dealership

(Kerosene Oil Agency).

(iv) Allotment of Regular LPG Distributorship Scheme under 'GP' Category.

(v) Allotment of LPG agency under Rajiv Gandhi Gramin LPG Vitrak Yojna.

(vi) One time Vocational Training Grant of Rs.20,000/- is provided for development of vocational skills to War widows.