

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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DEATH OF SOLDIERS IN SIACHEN
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a number of soldiers have lost their lives in Siachen due to environmental and other factors;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of soldiers killed during each of the last three years and the current year; and
- (c) the measures taken / proposed to be taken by the Government to protect the lives of soldiers deployed therein as well as maintain the strategic importance of the region?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) & (b): The details of fatal casualties in Siachen during the last three years and the current year are as under:-

Year	Casualty due to		Total
	Landslide/Flood/Avalanche	Environmental/climatic conditions	
2011	10	14	24
2012	08	04	12
2013	06	04	10
2014	00	04	04
(upto 20.7.2014)			

(c) The troops of Indian Army deployed in this region are suitably equipped, trained and organized to face the operational challenges and carry out their mandated tasks. All efforts are made to minimise the casualties by providing suitable infrastructure, habitat, medical support and casualty evacuation procedures.

Government is cognizant of the strategic importance of Siachen and requisite forces have been deployed in the area keeping in view the threat perception, ground situation and other operational aspects.