

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6916  
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NATIONAL WAR MEMORIAL  
Chaudhary Shri P.P.

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

- (a) the total number of soldiers laid down their lives while discharging their duties since independence;
- (b) whether construction of the National War Memorial has been delayed;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for the delay;
- (d) the time by which the said war memorial is likely to be constructed
- (e) whether the funds allocated for constructing the said memorial has been utilised by the Government; and
- (f) if so, the details and present status thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

- (a) As per information received from Headquarter Integrated Defence Staff, Ministry of Defence, more than 22,500 soldiers have laid down their lives while discharging their duties since independence.
- (b) to (f): A proposal to construct a National War Memorial and National War Museum to commemorate our brave soldiers who have made the supreme sacrifice for the country, is under active consideration.