

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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BULLET PROOF VESTS  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the total number of soldiers death due to the ineffective bullet proof vests provided during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether the Government has taken steps for providing bullet proof vests for soldiers especially gear like modular bullet proof vests or ballistic helmets;
- (c) if so, the total number of bullet proof vests required for the entire armed forces;
- (d) whether the ballistic helmets will have internal communication gear and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether these bullet proof vests will have the norms prescribed by General Staff Qualitative requirements and if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

(a) to (e): No data is available on death of soldiers due to the ineffective Bullet Proof Vests. Bullet Proof Vest and Ballistic Helmets are authorized to troops fighting Counter Insurgency / Counter Terrorism operations. These are procured as per the norms prescribed by General Staff Qualitative Requirement (GSQR). Disclosing further details in this regard on the floor of the House may not be in the interest of the national security.