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**INDUSTRIES SUPPORTED UNDER THE TECHNOLOGY
DEVELOPMENT FUND**

A total of 54 industries have been supported under the TDF scheme so far. The details of the industries supported under the TDF scheme sector-wise and State/UT-wise is as follows:

S No	Name of Industries	Sector of Industry	Name of the State/UT
1	CTTC Bhubaneswar	Autonomous/Min . MSME	Odisha
2	M/s Astra Microwave Products Ltd., Hyderabad	Large	Telangana
3	Godrej & Boyce Mfg. Co. Ltd, Mumbai	Large	Maharashtra
4	Larsen & Tuobro Ltd, Mumbai	Large	Maharashtra
5	M/s Bharat Forge Ltd- Defence and Aerospace, Bangalore	Large	Karnataka
6	M/s National Engineering Industries Ltd., Jaipur	Large	Rajasthan
7	M/s Trinitech Infrastructure (India) Pvt. Ltd. , Vishakhapatnam	MSME	Andhra Pradesh
8	M/s Allied Engineering Works Pvt. Ltd., Delhi	MSME	Delhi
9	M/s Timetooth Technologies Pvt Ltd, Delhi	MSME	Delhi
10	Logic Fruit Technologies (P) Ltd. , Gurugram	MSME	Haryana
11	M/s Scott Edil Pharmacia Ltd, Chandigarh	MSME	Haryana
12	Yottec Systems LLP, Bangalore	MSME	Karnataka

13	M/s Edall Systems, Bengaluru	MSME	Karnataka
14	Valdel Advanced Technologies Pvt. Ltd. , Bangalore	MSME	Karnataka
15	M/s Park Controls & Commnications (P) Ltd, Bangalore	MSME	Karnataka
16	M/s Versabyte Data Systems Pvt. Ltd., Bengaluru	MSME	Karnataka
17	M/s Cogknit Semantics Pvt Ltd, Bangalore	MSME	Karnataka
18	M/s Gnani Innovation Pvt Ltd, Bangalore	MSME	Karnataka
19	M/s Aidin Technologies Pvt Ltd, Bangalore	MSME	Karnataka
20	M/s Verdant Telemetry & Antenna Systems Pvt. Ltd., Kochi	MSME	Kerala
21	Technocraft Industries India Ltd., Mumbai	MSME	Maharashtra
22	M/s Amalgamated Industrial Composites Pvt. Ltd. , Nasik, Maharashtra	MSME	Maharashtra
23	M/s SBEM Pvt. Ltd., Pune	MSME	Maharashtra
24	M/s Instron Technologies LLP, Pune	MSME	Maharashtra
25	M/s Jayashree Encoders Pvt. Ltd, Pune	MSME	Maharashtra
26	Zeus Numerix Pvt. Ltd., Bhubaneshwar	MSME	Odisha
27	M/s Pilani Electron Tubes & Devices Pvt Ltd, Sangrur	MSME	Punjab
28	M/s Metallic Bellows India Pvt. Ltd, Chennai	MSME	Tamil Nadu
29	M/s Chakradhara Aerospace & Cargo Pvt Ltd, Coimbatore	MSME	Tamil Nadu
30	M/s Chakradhara Aerospace & Cargo Pvt Ltd, Coimbatore	MSME	Tamil Nadu
31	M/s. High Energy Batteries (India) Ltd, Chennai	MSME	Tamil Nadu
32	Jishnu Communication Ltd., Hyderabad	MSME	Telangana
33	M/s Smart Machine & Structures, Hyderabad	MSME	Telangana
34	M/s Navstar Integrated Systems Pvt. Ltd, Hyderabad, Telangana	MSME	Telangana
35	M/s Rasu Tools Ltd., Sangareddy (Telangana)	MSME	Telangana
36	M/s Nucon Aerospace Pvt. Ltd, Hyderabad	MSME	Telangana
37	Samtel Avionics Ltd. , Noida	MSME	Uttar Pradesh
38	M/s Inochi Care Pvt Ltd, Jorhat (Assam)	Start-up	Assam

39	M/s Ingenious Research Solutions Pvt. Ltd. , Faridabad	Start-up	Haryana
40	Bellatrix Aerospace Pvt. Ltd Bangalore	Start-up	Karnataka
41	M/s NewSpace Research and Technologies Pvt Ltd, Bengaluru	Start-up	Karnataka
42	M/s Frshr Technologies Pvt Ltd, Bangalore	Start-up	Karnataka
43	M/s Vashishtha Research Pvt. Ltd.,Thiruvananthapuram (D2D winner)	Start-up	Kerala
44	M/s Combat Robotics India Pvt. Ltd., Chikhali	Start-up	Madhya Pradesh
45	M/s Manastu Space Technologies, Pvt Ltd, Mumbai	Start-up	Maharashtra
46	M/s Chistats Labs Pvt. Ltd, Pune	Start-up	Maharashtra
47	M/s Tejase Aerosense Pvt. Ltd., Rourkela	Start-up	Odisha
48	M/s Quartodonda Technologies Pvt. Ltd, Thanjavur (TN)	Start-up	Tamil Nadu
49	DR MGR – ARI Technology Innovations Pvt. Ltd., Chennai	Start-up	Tamil Nadu
50	M/s Skyroot Aerospace Pvt Ltd, Hyderabad	Start-up	Telangana
51	Raphemphibr Pvt. Ltd. ,	Start-up	Uttar Pradesh
52	M/s Morphedo Technologies Pvt. Ltd. , Noida	Start-up	Uttar Pradesh
53	M/s Alphasine Technologies Pvt. Ltd, Lucknow	Start-up	Uttar Pradesh
54	M/s Scicept Advanced Technologies (OPC) Private Limited, Kolkata, West Bengal	Start-up	West Bengal

A total no. of 04 technologies have been successfully developed under TDF Scheme. The details of funds allocated/ disbursed sector-wise, company-wise under the TDF scheme is given below:

S No	Name of Company	Sector	Total Project Cost (In Lakhs)	Amount Disbursed (in Lakhs)
1	CTTC Bhubaneshwar	Autonomous / Min. MSME	450	124.32813

2	CTTC Bhubaneswar	Autonomous / Min. MSME	750	93.42841
3	M/s Astra Microwave Products Ltd., Hyderabad	Large	890	341.55
4	Bharat Forge Ltd. , Bengaluru	Large	911	409.95
5	Godrej & Boyce Mfg. Co. Ltd, Mumbai	Large	897.4	116.25053
6	M/s Larsen & Toubro Ltd. Mumbai	Large	210	0
7	Larsen & Tuobro Ltd, Mumbai	Large	981	60.41141
8	M/s Bharat Forge Ltd- Defence and Aerospace, Bangalore	Large	952.57	171.4626
9	M/s National Engineering Industries Ltd., Jaipur	Large	960	116.406
10	Samtel Avionics Ltd. , Noida	MSME	517	325.71
11	Logic Fruit Technologies (P) Ltd., Gurugram	MSME	517	493.864
12	Zeus Numerix Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai	MSME	485	362.40091
13	Jishnu Communication Ltd., Hyderabad	MSME	769.65	213.20387
14	Yottec Systems LLP	MSME	598.5	262.17059
15	M/s Edall Systems, Bengaluru	MSME	453.05	95.805
16	M/s Scott Edil Pharmacia Ltd, Chandigarh	MSME	280	102.53278
17	M/s Allied Engineering Works Pvt. Ltd., Delhi	MSME	800	287.30827
18	M/s Verdant Telemetry & Antenna Systems Pvt. Ltd., Cochin	MSME	32	0
19	Technocraft Industries India Ltd., Mumbai	MSME	720	77.51473
20	Zeus Numerix Pvt. Ltd., Bhubaneswar	MSME	520	113.16853
21	M/s Metallic Bellows India Pvt. Ltd, Chennai	MSME	300	16.79
22	M/s Metallic Bellows India Pvt. Ltd, Chennai	MSME	500	93

23	Valdel Advanced Technologies Pvt. Ltd. , Bangalore	MSME	299.97	76.64399
24	M/s Smart Machine & Structures, Hyderabad	MSME	173	61.95718
25	M/s Metallic Bellows India Pvt. Ltd, Chennai	MSME	295.862	17.784
26	M/s Verdant Telemetry & Antenna Systems Pvt. Ltd., Kochi	MSME	158	0
27	M/s Amalgamated Industrial Composites Pvt. Ltd. , Nasik, Maharashtra	MSME	696	93.96
28	M/s Park Controls & Communications (P) Ltd, Bangalore	MSME	318.35888	36.62958
29	M/s Timetooth Technologies Pvt Ltd, Delhi	MSME	858	118.23948
30	M/s Verdant Telemetry & Antenna Systems Pvt. Ltd., Kochi	MSME	237	0
31	M/s Versabyte Data Systems Pvt. Ltd., Bengaluru	MSME	593.10344	78.29928
32	M/s SBEM Pvt. Ltd., Pune	MSME	467.815	31.67316
33	M/s Instron Technologies LLP, Pune	MSME	130	0
34	M/s Pilani Electron Tubes & Devices Pvt Ltd, Sangrur	MSME	376	0
35	M/s Trinitech Infrastructure (India) Pvt. Ltd. , Vishakhapatnam	MSME	612.1134	24.34475
36	M/s Chakradhara Aerospace & Cargo Pvt Ltd, Coimbatore	MSME	241.56	43.47707
37	M/s Chakradhara Aerospace & Cargo Pvt Ltd, Coimbatore	MSME	144	25.92
38	M/s Cogknit Semantics Pvt Ltd, Bangalore	MSME	650	0
39	M/s Gnani Innovation Pvt Ltd, Bangalore	MSME	740	0
40	M/s Versabyte Data Systems Pvt Ltd Pvt. Ltd, Bangalore	MSME	501	0
41	M/s Navstar Integrated Systems Pvt. Ltd, Hyderabad, Telangana	MSME	985	0

42	M/s Rasu Tools Ltd., Sangareddy (Telangana)	MSME	463	8.334
43	M/s. High Energy Batteries (India) Ltd, Chennai	MSME	885	0
44	M/s Nucon Aerospace Pvt. Ltd, Hyderabad	MSME	113.071	20.35276
45	M/s Nucon Aerospace Pvt. Ltd, Hyderabad	MSME	135.708	24.42735
46	M/s Jayashree Encoders Pvt. Ltd, Pune	MSME	15	0
47	M/s Aidin Technologies Pvt Ltd	MSME	285	0
48	Raphemphibr Pvt. Ltd.	Start-up	870	487.7153129
49	Bellatrix Aerospace Pvt. Ltd Bangalore	Start-up	970.58	206.92359
50	M/s Morphedo Technologies Pvt. Ltd. , Noida	Start-up	120	20.28134
51	M/s Manastu Space Technologies, Pvt Ltd, Mumbai	Start-up	900	266.84664
52	M/s Skyroot Aerospace Pvt Ltd, Hyderabad	Start-up	300	53.53
53	M/s Tejase Aerosense Pvt. Ltd., Rourkela	Start-up	150	0
54	M/s NewSpace Research and Technologies Pvt Ltd, Bengaluru	Start-up	100	0
55	M/s Inochi Care Pvt Ltd, Jorhat (Assam)	Start-up	64	0
56	M/s Quartodonda Technologies Pvt. Ltd, Thanjavur (TN)	Start-up	57	0
57	M/s Combat Robotics India Pvt. Ltd., Chikhali	Start-up	90	0
58	M/s Ingenious Research Solutions Pvt. Ltd. , Faridabad	Start-up	100	3.45
59	M/s Frshr Technologies Pvt Ltd, Bangalore	Start-up	78	11.2743
60	M/s Scicept Advanced Technologies (OPC) Private Limited, Kolkata, West Bengal	Start-up	82.5	0
61	DR MGR – ARI Technology Innovations Pvt. Ltd., Chennai	Start-up	57.08	9.745

62	M/s Vashishtha Research Pvt. Ltd.,Thiruvananthapuram (D2D winner)	Start-up	100	0
63	M/s Chistats Labs Pvt. Ltd, Pune	Start-up	95	0
64	M/s Alphasine Technologies Pvt. Ltd, Lucknow	Start-up	135.708	0
65	M/s Alphasine Technologies Pvt. Ltd, Lucknow	Start-up	113.071	0
66	DR MGR – ARI Technology Innovations Pvt. Ltd., Chennai	Start-up	94.5	0
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A total of 340 applications as Expression of Interest (EoI) have been received under TDF Scheme for the awarded projects so far. Total time taken for processing the application till award of the project is 06 months on an average for a normal case.

It is a continuous process where payments are linked with the milestones achieved for the specific projects. It takes approximately 45 days for disbursement into the account of the company from the date of submission of bill alongwith relevant supporting documents received from the company.

This information was given by Raksha Rajya Mantri Shri Ajay Bhatt in a written reply to Shri Jayadev Galla in Lok Sabha today.

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**REPRESENTATION OF EX-SERVICEMEN IN GOVERNMENT
DEPARTMENTS**

The existing quota of reservations available for Ex-Servicemen (ESM) is as follows:

- Public Sector Banks (PSBs) and Central Public Sector Undertakings (CPSUs):
 - 14.5% in all Direct Recruitment Group ‘C’ Posts.
 - 24.5% in all Direct Recruitment Group ‘D’ Posts.

(Including 4.5% for Disabled ESM and dependents of Service personnel killed in action)

- Central Civil Services & Posts (CCS&P) of Central Government Ministries/ Departments and Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs):
 - 10% in all Direct recruitment posts upto the level of Assistant Commandant in Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs).
 - 10% in all Direct Recruitment Group ‘C’ Posts.
 - 20% in all Direct Recruitment Group ‘D’ Posts.
- 100% in Defence Security Corps

Reservation for ESM is against direct recruitment vacancies only, number of which is worked out by the appointing authority, as and when recruitment process is initiated. As per available data, year-wise recruitment of ESMs during last five years, as on 31.12.2021, is as follows:

Year	Number of ESMs
2017	5638
2018	4175
2019	2968
2020	2584
2021	4343

No independent assessment has been done. However, for the purpose of improving number of recruitments of ESMs, advisories have been issued, from time to time, to all concerned Department/CPSUs/Banks/State Governments for conducting special drive to fill up backlog of vacancies reserved for ESM and for adoption of relaxed standards of qualifications for their recruitment. Liaison Officers have also been appointed in various Departments/PSUs/Banks to ensure implementation of reservation policy for ESM.

Total number of personnel enrolled in the DGR for Resettlement Training/Skill Courses during the last 05 years (2017-18 to 2021-22) is as under:

Financial Year	Number of personnel enrolled
2017-18	7904
2018-19	6463
2019-20	6626
2020-21	644
2021-22	4240
Total	25877

Trainees after completion of training/course are not reporting back when they secure a placement, as such these numbers are not being separately maintained. During last five years only one widow of officer was enrolled for Resettlement Training Course and nobody got enrolled from JCOs/OR.

This information was given by Raksha Rajya Mantri Shri Ajay Bhatt in a written reply to Shri Balubhau Alias Suresh Narayan Dhanorkar and others in Lok Sabha today.

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**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE DEPENDENTS OF MARTYRED
SOLDIERS**

The Government has made various provision to provide concession in education, health and other facilities to the children of martyred soldiers.

- **Children Education Grant:** Following educational concession is being given to officers/Personnel Below Officer Rank missing/disabled/killed in action:
 - **Tuition Fees:** Full reimbursement of tuition fee (Capitation fee and caution money not included) levied by the educational institutions concerned (including charges levied for the school bus maintained by the school or actual fares paid for railway pass for students or bus fare certified by the Head of Institutes).
 - **Hostel Charges:** Full reimbursement of Hostel charges for those studying in boarding schools and colleges.
 - **Cost of books/stationary:** Rs. 2000/- (Rupees two thousand only) per annum or the amount claimed by the student, whichever is less.
 - **Cost of Uniform where this is compulsory:** Rs. 2000/- (Rupees two thousand only) or the amount claimed by the student, whichever is less.
 - **Clothing:** Rs. 700/- (Rupees seven hundred only) per annum per student or the amount claimed by the student, whichever is less.
 - **Free Health Scheme:** ECHS (Ex- Servicemen Contributory Health Scheme) provides cashless health care to war-widows/war disabled defence personnel and their NoKs. War Widows are not required to pay the membership fee.

➤ Other facilities:

There are other resettlement schemes also run by the Directorate General of Resettlement (DGR) like allotment of petrol pumps etc. to ensure proper resettlement of war widows/ dependents.

The financial assistance is provided to family/ dependents of martyred soldiers. Details are as follows:

INDIAN ARMY

ENTITLEMENT SHEET: NEXT OF KIN				
S No	Entitlements	Entitled Amount		
		Officers	Junior Commissioned Officers (JCOs)	Other Ranks (OR)
1.	Ex-Gratia central Government	25 to 45 lacs	25 to 45 lacs	25 to 45 lacs
2.	AGI Maturity	As per contribution		
3.	Pension	Liberalized/ Special Family Pension 100%/ 60% of last RE (Basic Pay + MSP)		
4.	DCRG	Based on length of service (Max 20 lac)		
5.	FSA (Including leave encashment& DSOP/ AFPP Fund)	As applicable		
6.	Ex-Gratia (ACWF)	800000	800000	800000
7.	Ex-Gratia (Domicile State Government)	As applicable		

ASSITANCE BEING PROVIDED BY DTE OF INDIAN ARMY VETERANS (DIAV) NoK (BC Fatal)			
S No	Category	Amount	Remarks
(a)	Financial Grants		
	Ex-Gratia out of Army Central Welfare Fund (K) is provided to NoK of BC (Fatal)	Rs 8,00,000	1 st Tranche – 100000 (on occurrence of casualty) 2 nd Tranche – 700000 (On receipt of final documents)

(b)	Welfare Schemes		
	(i) Daughter's marriage/ orphan son's marriage remarriage of widow	Rs 1,00,000	
	(ii) <u>Education Scholarship to Children</u> (aa) Upto graduation	Education scholarship covering the entire expenditure up to graduation through CW-3	
	(ab) Post Graduation	Rs 25,000 per year (max)	
	(ac) Professional Courses	Rs 50,000 per year (max)	
	(iii) <u>One Time Computer Grant</u> for wards & widows (pursuing graduation & above)	Rs 35,000	
	(iv) <u>Higher Education of Widow</u>		
	(aa) Graduation	Rs 20,000 per year (max)	
	(ab) Post Graduation	Rs 25,000 per year (max)	
	(ac) Professional Courses	Rs 50,000 per year (max)	

INDIAN NAVY

Pensionary benefits (LFP/SFP/OFP, Ex-Gratia, DCRG/Gratuity) as per entitlement are paid to NOKs of the Naval Personnel. Financial assistance in terms of benefits like ex-gratia is provided under various categories to widows & dependents of deceased soldiers as per pension regulation promulgated by the Government. Family pension and gratuity to families and dependents is based on the last pay drawn and last rank held by the deceased soldiers at the time of his death whilst Ex-gratia amount is given to the NoK of a soldier killed in action or in course of duty irrespective of rank and qualifying service, based on circumstances of death. Ex-Gratia compensation are given in the range of Rs.25-45 lakhs.

INDIAN AIR FORCE

An institutional mechanism by way of Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for timely dispensing of pension and other Non-Effective(NE) benefit to NoK/dependents has been put in place in IAF. However, the following Pensionary benefits are being provided to the Next of Kin (NoK) of the Air Warriors killed in action as per the Govt Policy. :-

- **Liberalized Family Pension (LFP):** Liberalized Family Pension (LPF) is being granted to Next of Kin of the Air Warriors killed in Action. It is

granted in case of death of an Armed Forces Personnel due to acts of Violence/attack by terrorist, anti-social elements, enemy action in international war, action during deployment with a peace keeping mission abroad, border skirmishes etc. It is granted @ 100% of reckonable emolument + admissible Dearness Relief applicable from time to time. It continues even after re-marriage of the widow.

- **Death cum Retirement Gratuity (DCRG):** It is payable to the widow/ NOK/ nominated family member of the deceased officer/Airmen/NCs(E) who die in harness as per the length of qualifying service.
- **Ex-Gratia Payment:** Ex-gratia Lump Sum Compensation given as per the following details:-

S No	Circumstances	Rates (in Rs)
(aa)	Death occurring due to accident in course of performance of duties	25 Lakhs
(ab)	Death in the course of performance of duties attributed to acts of violence by terrorists, anti-social elements etc.	25 Lakhs
(ac)	Death occurring in border skirmishes and action against militants, terrorist, extremists, sea pirates.	35 Lakhs
(ad)	Death occurring while on duty in the specified high altitude, inaccessible border posts, on account of natural disasters, extreme weather conditions.	35 Lakhs
(ae)	Death occurring enemy action in war or such war like engagements, which are specifically notified by Ministry of Defence and death occurring during evacuation of Indian National from a war-torn zone in foreign country.	45 Lakhs

THE DETAILS OF WELFARE SCHEMES RUN BY KENDRIYA SANIK BOARD (KSB)

- Financial assistance/ benefits given from Armed Forces Flag Day Fund (AFFDF) under Raksha Mantri Ex-Servicemen Welfare Fund (RMEWF): -

S No	Grants	Amount(in Rs)
(a)	Penury Grant (65 Yrs and above) (Non-Pensioners upto Hav Rank)	Rs 4,000/-pm (Life time)
(b)	Education Grant (upto two children) (i) Boys/Girls upto Graduation	Rs 1,000/-pm

	(ii) Widows for PG (Pensioner/Non Pensioner upto Hav Rank) and upto two children	
(c)	Disabled Children Grant (Pensioner/Non-pen upto JCO Rank)	Rs 3,000/-pm
d)	Daughter's Marriage Grant (upto 02 Daughters) (Pensioner/Non-Pen upto Hav Rank)	Rs 50,000/- *
	Widow Re-Marriage Grant (Pensioner/Non-Pen upto Hav Rank) * If married solemnly on or after 21 Apr 16	
(e)	Medical Treatment Grant (Non-pensioner upto Hav Rank)	Rs 30,000/- (Max)
(f)	Orphan Grant (Pensioner/Non-pen All Ranks) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daughters of ex-servicemen till she is married. • One Son of ex-servicemen upto 21 years of age. 	Rs 3,000/-PM
g)	Vocational Trg Grant For Widows (Pensioner/Non-Pen upto Hav Rank)	Rs 20,000/- (One Time)

- Serious diseases Grant from AFFD Fund to Non Pensioners ESM of all Ranks:-

(a)	<u>Serious Diseases</u> as listed below: - Angioplasty, Angiography, CABG, Open Heart Surgery, Valve Replacement, Pacemaker Implant, Renal Implant, Prostate Surgery, Joint Replacement and Cerebral Stoke. <u>Other Diseases:</u> Where more than Rs 1.00 Lac has been spent on treatment	75%/90% of total expenditure for officers and PBOR respectively. Upto Rs 1.25 Lac (max)
(b)	Dialysis and Cancer treatment	75%/90% of total expenditure Officer and PBOR respectively Upto a max of Rs 75,000/- per FY only.

- **Modified Scooter Grant:** Rs one lakh provided to those ESM, who are disabled after service with a disability of 50% or more and who are not covered under the scheme of AG's Branch of IHQ (Army, Navy & Air Force).
- **Subsidy on Home Loan:** KSB Reimburses 50% of interest by way of subsidy on home loan from Bank/public sector institutions for construction of house to war bereaved, war disabled and attributable peace time casualties. Rs 1,00,000/- (Max)
- **Prime Minister's Scholarship Scheme:**Total 5500 scholarship are provided to eligible wards based on merit for the entire duration of the courses. The rates of Scholarship are as follows: -
 - (a) Rs. 2500/- per month for boys.
 - (b) Rs. 3000/- per month for girls.
- **Financial support to institutions involved in rehabilitation of ESM:-**

<u>S No</u>	<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Quantum of Aid/Grant</u>
(a)	<u>Paraplegic Rehabilitation Centers</u> (i) Kirkee (ii) Mohali	<u>Establishment grant (per annum)</u> (i) Rs 1.20 cr wef Apr 16 (ii)Rs 10,00,000/- (wef Apr 2015) <div style="display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle; font-size: 3em; margin: 0 10px;">}</div> 30,000/- per annum per inmate
(b)	All India Gorkha Ex-servicemen welfare association, Dehradun	Rs. 12,00,000/- per annum
(c)	<u>Cheshire Homes</u> (i) Lucknow, Delhi & Dehradun	Rs 15,000/- per annum per inmate
(d)	<u>War Memorial Hostels.</u> There are 36 WMHs which provide shelter to the	Rs 1350/- per month

	children of War Widows/War disabled, attributable and non attributable cases.	
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- **Reservation of seats in Medical/Dental Colleges for wards of Defence Personnel as Govt of India Nominee:** A total of 42 MBBS seats and 3 seats in BDS courses are allotted by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare to KSB for wards of defence personnel as a Govt of India nominee. Priority I is given to killed in action.
- **Rail Travel Concession Identity Cards:** KSB Sectt issues rail travel concession identity cards to war widows.

This information was given by Raksha Rajya Mantri Shri Ajay Bhatt in a written reply to Shri Jaswant Singh Bhabhor in Lok Sabha today.

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SPACE DEFENCE MISSION

Mission DefSpace was launched by Hon’ble Prime Minister during DefExpo in October, 2022 with 75 Defence Space Challenges relevant to the end users. These challenges have been categorised into existing DDP initiatives of iDEX, Make-I and Make-2. Private Industries, including Start-ups, MSMEs and Individual Innovators, are eligible to apply. The challenges, classified into five buckets viz. Launch System, Satellite System, Communication & Payload System, Ground System and Software System, provide a holistic 360° overview of space.

The Government has taken several policy initiatives in the past few years and brought in reforms to encourage indigenous design, development and manufacture of defence equipment, there by promoting self-reliance in defence manufacturing & technology in the country. These initiatives, inter-alia, include according priority to procurement of capital items from domestic sources under Defence Acquisition Procedure (DAP)-2020; Announcement of 18 major defence platforms for industry led design & development in March 2022; Notification of four ‘Positive Indigenization Lists’ of total 411 items of Services and three ‘Positive Indigenization Lists’ of total 3738 items of Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs), for which there would be an embargo on the import beyond the timelines indicated against them; Simplification of Industrial licensing process with longer validity period; Liberalization of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) policy allowing 74% FDI under automatic route; Simplification of Make Procedure; Launch of Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX) scheme involving start-ups & Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs); Implementation of Public Procurement (Preference to Make in India) Order, 2017; Launch of an

indigenization portal namely SRIJAN to facilitate indigenization by Indian Industry including MSMEs; Reforms in Offset policy with thrust on attracting investment and Transfer of Technology for Defence manufacturing by assigning higher multipliers; Establishment of two Defence Industrial Corridors, one each in Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu; Opening up of Defence Research & Development (R&D) for industry, startups and academia with 25 percent of defence R&D budget; and Progressive increase in allocation of Defence Budget of military modernisation for procurement from domestic sources, etc.

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PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN DEFENCE SECTOR

The percentage of women in Armed Forces is as under:

Army (as on 1 st July, 2022)	Officers (Excluding AMC/ADC)	3.97%
	Officers (AMC/ADC)	21.25 %
	MNS Officers	100%
	JCO/OR	0.01%
Navy	Officers	About 6%
Air Force (as on 1 st Dec, 2022)	Officers (excluding Medical & Dental Branch)	13.69%

• **Officers**

Year	Intake	Medical Officers		
		AMC	ADC	MNS
2018	75	169	20	571
2019	80	102	34	180
2020	72	130	26	201
2021	75	51	05	205
2022	75	Recruitment Process not completed		

- **JCO/OR**

Recruiting Year	Intake
2019-20	100
2020-21	Recruitment was suspended due to COVID-19
2021-22	
2022-23	100 (recruitment process not completed)

Following are the details of seats fixed for female candidates in Defence institutions like NDA, IMA and others, institution-wise;

Institutions	Vacancies per year (As on date)	Remarks
NDA	38 (Army – 20, Navy – 06 & Air Force – 12)	These vacancies are not fixed and are based on requirement of respective Services.
OTA	80	
IMA	20 (Army cdts from NDA)	
AFMC Pune	30	
College of Nursing (MNS)	220	

No post is vacant for women in Indian Army. Sanctioned posts in Indian Navy and Indian Air Force are gender neutral.

Government has taken number of steps to increase women participation in the Defence sector. These include:

Army

Combat employment philosophy of women in the Armed Forces is a continuously evolving process and regularly reviewed by the Indian Army. At present, the women are being commissioned in Indian Army in ten Streams viz. Corps of Engineers, Corps of Signals, Army Air Defence, Army Service Corps, Army Ordnance Corps, Corp of Electronics and Mechanical Engineers, Army Aviation Corps, Intelligence Corps, Judge Advocate General Branch and Army Education Corps in addition to the

Armed Forces Medical Services as Doctors and Military Nurses which is a women only entry. New Avenues such as grant of permanent commission to SSC women officers, induction of women cadets in NDA, recruitment of Women as Provost JCOs/OR.

Navy

The induction of women as officers in the Indian Navy commenced in the year 1991. Since then the Indian Navy has gradually opened all branches to women officers including induction through NDA. Further, for the first time women are also being recruited for sailors' entries under the Agnipath Scheme *w.e.f.* 2022 and 20% vacancies are reserved for women.

Air Force

Officers recruitment in the IAF is gender neutral. Women officers are inducted in all the branches and streams of IAF. Opportunities for a career in IAF service are widely publicized through print/ electronic media and special publicity drives. An opening has also been provided through NCC Special Entry for flying SSC (Women) from July 2017 onwards. The experimental scheme to induct women officers in all combat roles, initiated by the IAF in 2015 has now been regularised into a permanent scheme. Such gender neutral approach is facilitating the employment of women officers of IAF in all combat roles without any restrictions.

No study has been undertaken regarding the low participation of women as there has been a steady growth in the induction of women in the armed forces.

This information was given by Raksha Rajya Mantri Shri Ajay Bhatt in a written reply to Shri NReddeppa and others in Lok Sabha today.

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