

Financial assistance to decorated soldiers

2600. SHRI TARUN VIJAY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the financial assistance given to the decorated soldiers of Army, Navy and Air Force who had shown valour in action or in peace time by Union Government including Param Vir Chakra and all other such decorations; and

(b) the details of decorated soldiers since independence, categorizing awards, names of the recipients, year of award citation and financial assistance given by Union Government to each of such awardees?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) and (b) The gallantry awards to armed forces personnel are given by the Central Government. Apart from certain facilities which are allowed in kind to such awardees, they are also paid Monetary Allowance by the Government in the following manner:

Sl. No.	Gallantry Award	Rate of Monetary Allowance (Rs. per month)
1.	Param Vir Chakra	3000
2.	Ashok Chakra	2800
3.	Maha Vir Chakra	2400
4.	Kirti Chakra	2100
5.	Vir Chakra	1700
6.	Shaurya Chakra	1500
7.	Sena/Nau Sena/Vayu Sena Medal	500

Over 10,000 gallantry awards have been conferred to the soldiers of three Services since Independence. As per the existing procedure, brief citations of the awardees of the Chakra series of awards and the names of the recipients of Sena/Nau Sena /Vayu Sena Medals are published in the Gazette of India.

Sensing equipments for explosives

†2601. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether equipments are being used for sensing the explosive elements in advance and receiving a signal for not sending vehicles to such places;

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