

Defence personnel from Rajasthan attained martyrdom

†989. SHRI ASHK ALI TAK : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

- (a) the number of persons selected in defence services from Rajasthan during the last one year and the posts at which they were selected;
- (b) the number of persons from Rajasthan who became martyr in defence services during the last three years; and
- (c) the number of cases in which their dependents got financial relief and the number of cases still pending?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Missile cover from enemy attack by NATO

990. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

- (a) whether it is a fact that North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) is willing to provide India missile cover from enemy attack;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Ministry is accepting the offer; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

Invitation by NATO in its missile defence programme

991. SHRI A. ELAVARASAN : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

- (a) whether the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) has invited India to become a partner in its missile defence programme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.