

Rajya Sainik Boards (RSBs) and Zila Sainik Welfare offices at the State and District level are already in place to look after the re-settlement and welfare of Ex-servicemen.

Study on stress levels among army officers

2060. SHRI. T.M. SELVAGANAPATHI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has asked the Defence Institute of Psychological Research to conduct a separate study on the stress levels among the officers, like the ones already done for jawans;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government has asked the Defence Institute of Psychological Research to recommend comprehensive steps to tackle suicides, fragging and other such cases; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Defence Institute of Psychological Research (DIPR) has recently undertaken a project on "Study of Factors Causing Distress among Young Officers of Indian Army" with the following objectives:-

(i) To study the level of distress prevailing among the young officers;

(ii) To study the casual factors that create distress among young officers and deplete their resources to cope with it; and

(iii) To suggest remedial measures to manage stress among young officers.

The project is likely to be completed by October 2013.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. DIPR has already developed "Suicide Risk Assessment Test" and handed over to Army on 6th December 2012. The test will help in identification of personnel "at-risk" so that preventive measures can be taken in advance. DIPR has also planned to carry out a "Comprehensive Soldier Fitness Programme: Resilience Building" to include the followings:-

- * Well-bring Awareness Generation among Troops;
- * Development of Training Modules on Resilience Building;

- * Training of Trainers; and
- * Development of a Model Army Unit.

The programme is likely to be completed by 2017.

Delay in delivery of Admiral Gorshkov

2061. SHRIMATI VASANTHI STANLEY:

SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that delivery of aircraft carrier Admiral Gorshkov has been considerably delayed;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what effective steps Government is taking to enjoin upon Russians to fix the problem with the ship to avoid further delay?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The delivery of the aircraft carrier Vikramaditya has been delayed to the last quarter of 2013 as against envisaged delivery schedule of December, 2012. Earlier, the original delivery date/schedule was revised from August 2008 to December 2012. The aircraft carrier was subjected to extensive trials for the first time for 108 days from 8th June 2012 to 23rd September 2012, with a part of the Indian crew on board, undergoing training during the sea trials. While a substantial scope of ship's equipment and aviation trials were completed during this period, the main propulsion plant trials to full power could not be completed due to defects encountered on boiler section. Rectification of the defect is likely to take six months.

(c) The Russian side has been requested to take up necessary measures to ensure delivery of ship in the last quarter of 2013.

Defence exports

2062. SHRI N.K. SINGH:

DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the value of India's defence exports over the last three years;