

After opening up of the defence industry sector for FDI in 2001, 33 FDI proposals/joint ventures have been approved in defence sector for manufacture of various defence equipments to Indian companies.

Armed forces personnel serving in UN Peacekeeping Missions

1341. SHRI AVINASH PANDE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of Indian Armed Forces personnel presently serving in United Nations Peacekeeping Missions in different parts of the world;
- (b) the country-wise breakup and details of their deputation; and
- (c) the number of casualties suffered while serving in such missions since 2001 and the country-wise breakup thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR) : (a) Presently, 7153 Indian Armed Forces personnel are serving in the United Nations Peacekeeping Missions in different parts of the world.

- (b) The country-wise breakup and details are as under:-

Sl. No.	Missions	No. of Armed Forces personnel presently deployed	Year of commencement of the deployment
1.	MONUSCO (Congo)	3768	
2.	UNMISS (South Sudan)	2275	2004
3.	UNIFIL (Lebanon)	900	2005
4.	UNDOF (Golan heights)	191	1998
5.	UNOCI (Ivory Coast)	10	2006
6.	UNISFA (Abeyi)	4	2003
7.	MINURSO (Western Sahara)	3	2011
8.	UNSOM (Somalia)	1	2014
9.	UNAMI (Iraq)	1	2015
			2014 Political Mission
TOTAL		7153	

(c) Since 2001, total 40 Indian Armed Forces personnel have laid down their lives in various UN Peacekeeping Missions. The country-wise breakup of casualties is as under:

Sl. No.	Mission	No. of Casualties
1.	MONUC / MONUSCO (Congo)	20
2.	UNMIS (Sudan)	2
3.	UNMISS (South Sudan)	11
4.	UNIFIL (Lebanon)	3
5.	UNMEE (Ethiopia-Eritrea)	4
TOTAL		40

Upgradation and construction of roads by BRO

1342. SHRI A.U. SINGH DEO : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) number of projects relating to upgradation of existing roads and construction of new roads by the BRO and the details thereof;

(b) whether all pre and post-construction clearances have been obtained for construction of the same, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the total distance of newly constructed roads; and

(d) the details of funds required and time-period allotted for the same?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR) : (a) Long Term Roll on Works Plan (LTROWP) 2014-18 for upgradation / new construction of 461 roads identified by Army amounting to ₹ 21333 crores has been approved for execution by Border Roads Organisation (BRO).

(b) Government has taken following measures to expedite the pace of road projects:

(i) Chief Secretaries of various State Governments have been requested to constitute Empowered Committees under their chairmanship with Secretaries of concerned departments as members to resolve issues