

**Military personnel trapped and lost their lives in Siachen Glacier**

†528. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

SHRIMATI KANAK LATA SINGH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of military personnel, who got trapped and lost their lives in the Siachen Glacier in the last three years including the month of February; and

(b) the details of technological options being adopted for vigilance in the glaciers like Siachen besides the deployment of troops, so that minimum troops could be deployed in such difficult terrain and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR): (a) The details of the soldiers who lost their lives in Siachen Glacier during the last three years and the current year are as under:

Year	Soldiers martyred
2013	10
2014	08
2015	09
2016 (till 18th February)	14

(b) Various modern technological equipment are being utilized by Army for surveillance in Siachen which includes Unmanned Aerial Vehicles, different types of Radars etc. Further, only required forces have been deployed keeping in view the threat perception, ground situation and other operational aspects.

**Indigenisation of defence sector**

†529. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to manufacture indigenous machines in the defence sector, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether any indigenous and foreign company has got registered with Government to manufacture defence machinery in 2015-16, and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (RAO INDERJIT SINGH): (a) and (b) The Defence Production Policy, aims at achieving

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