

(c) Quantum of foreign cash outgo depends on the nature and number of contracts signed with foreign vendors. However, greater stress on Make in India and indigenization efforts is in part responsible for reduction in imports. Government has implemented several policy initiatives such as liberalization of FDI policy and industrial licensing policy, simplification of export procedures, creating level playing field for Indian private and public sector companies, streamlining of offset implementation process, providing preference to Buy Indian, Buy and Make Indian categories of Capital Acquisition over Buy Global category in Defence Procurement Procedure to make the country self reliant in defence production.

JCOs retiring from Indian army

†1469. SHRI SHIV PRATAP SHUKLA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the approximate number of Junior Commissioned Officers getting retired from Indian Army every year; and

(b) the plan to use the skills of these retired officers who achieved excellence in signal, mapping, intelligence etc. through JCO training and become a better trained bank than Commissioned Officer in their respective field, in Nation building through Government jobs other than banking (security, clerk) and police?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR): (a) The year-wise details of the approximate number of Junior Commissioned Officers getting retired from Indian Army from 1st January, 2013 to 30th June, 2016 is as under:

| Year | Annual Wastage |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| 2013 | 12836 |
| 2014 | 12609 |
| 2015 | 10606 |
| 2016 (till 30th June) | 5368 |

(b) Government has provided reservation for re-employment of defence personnel details as per Statement (*See below*). Further, a MoU has been signed in July, 2015 between Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship. Post MoU, Indian Army institutionalized linkages with National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) and raised Directorate of Indian Army Veteran (DIAV) in January, 2016 with a separate Skilling and Transition Section which is dedicated to skilling

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

prospective retirees under NSDC for job placements on retirement. Presently, nearly 2000 personnel have undergone various skill courses being conducted under 09 Sectors and 19 Job Roles at various Regimental Centres.

Statement

Details of reservation available to Ex-Servicemen in Government

Departments/PSUs

- (i) 10% of the vacancies in the posts up to the level of Assistant Commandant in all para-military forces.
- (ii) 10% in Group 'C' and 20% in Group 'D' posts.
- (iii) 14.5% in Group 'C' and 24.5% in Group 'D' posts in Public Sector Undertakings and Nationalised Banks. Out of this reservation, 4.5% reservation in each category is meant for Disabled Soldiers and Widows/Dependents.
- (iv) 100% in Defence Security Corps.

Troop deployment at Siachen glacier

1470. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the maximum tenure of any soldier on Siachen Glacier;
- (b) the number of Officers, JCOs and Jawans lost by the country till date since the start of Operation Meghdoot in 1984 due to climatic and environmental conditions and other factors at Siachen; and
- (c) the compensation offered by Government to the families of army personnel who lost their lives at Siachen and at some other tougher posts and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE): (a) The Siachen Glacier is divided in three parts *i.e.* Northern Glacier, Central Glacier and Southern Glacier. The tenure of soldiers deployed in these locations varies from three to five months based on complexity of the deployment location, sensitivity of the post and adverse effect on the health of the individual.

(b) In operation Meghdoot, from 1984 till 18.11.2016, 35 Officers and 887 JCOs / ORs have lost their lives.

(c) With effect from 1st January, 2016, *ex-gratia* lump sum compensation of ₹35 Lakh is payable to the next of kin (Nok) on death of Army personnel occurring while