

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1456**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 8<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2021

**DEFENCE FORCE PERSONNEL AFFECTED BY COVID-19**

1456 SHRI SANJAY SINGH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of COVID-19 positive cases in the defence forces till date;
- (b) the fatality rate in the armed forces due to the COVID-19;
- (c) whether Government has provided any financial support to the affected defence personnel;  
and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER  
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
SHRI SHRIPAD NAIK

(a) & (b): The details of COVID-19 positive cases in the Armed Forces are as under:

	No. of positive cases	Fatality rate
Army	32690	0.24%
Navy	3604	0.05%
Air Force	6554	0.39%

(c) & (d): As per extant Rules, no special compensation for deaths occurring due to infectious disease is provided to armed force personnel, while they are in service. However, all such cases of death while in service are provided terminal benefits.

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