

for the families of martyred Armed Forces Officers, whose death falls in the same category of casualty, are same across all the States. However different States, depending upon their financial status, have voluntarily provided some additional compensation and rehabilitation benefits to these families.

Computerisation of defence land records

1436. SHRI MOINUL HASSAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there are gaps in the system regarding land management and proper storage of important title records;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time-frame by when land records will be computerised?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) to (c) Steps have been initiated to streamline proper management of Defence land and its protection. The project on computerization of Military Lands Register and General Lands Register through a software named "Raksha Bhoomi" is already going on and is likely to be completed by March, 2011. Two projects, one on Digitisation of land records involving scanning, indexing and microfilming and the other on Survey of Defence Land using modern technology have been sanctioned recently. Both projects are to be carried out in time-bound manner.

Steps to secure defence land in wake of Adarsh scam

1437. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) what action is taken by the Ministry to secure the properties in possession of Ministry in view of Adarsh Society scam in Mumbai;
- (b) whether it is a fact that a plot in Malad, Mumbai, which was in possession of Ordnance Depot since 1942 has been illegally sold by the Defence Officials without approval of the Ministry to Private builders for construction of residential complex;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the said transaction is illegal and what steps have been taken to restore the property with the Ministry and what action is taken against the errant officials?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) Steps have been initiated to streamline proper management of Defence land. Two projects one on Digitisation of land records and the other on Survey of Defence Land using modern technology have been sanctioned and they shall be implemented in a time-bound manner.

(b) to (d) As reported by Director General of Defence Estates, 13.28 Acres of State Government land in village Akurli was held on hire by Army since long. In 2007, Collector,

Mumbai Suburban Distt., allotted 5166.50 Sq. Mtrs of land adjacent to Central Ordnance Depot (COD) to M/s Neo Pharma Ltd. after receiving its market value. This was objected to by COD and Defence Estates Officer (DEO) on the grounds that this formed part of Defence land on hire. Collector was also informed that COD will not permit any agency to take possession of Defence Land without approval of the Ministry of Defence. However, their objections were overruled by the Collector. COD persisted with its objections and resisted handing over possession of the said land. Subsequently, at the direction of Headquarters, Southern Command, all obstacles were removed and Neo Pharma was permitted to go ahead with the planned development of the plot.

Head Quarters Southern Command has sought that the entire matter may be investigated at appropriate level. Army Headquarters (AHQ) recommended that the case be investigated by the CBI. After considering the matter, Government has asked AHQ to ascertain either by holding a Court of Inquiry or otherwise as to how Head Quarters Southern Command relinquished claim on the said land. Further action will be taken on receipt of report of AHQ.

Commission by an IAS officer in purchase of Eurocopters

1438. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that one of the IAS officer arrested on charges recently from Madhya Pradesh has been found involved in the purchase of Eurocopters, the light helicopters for the country;

(b) whether Government is investigating the deals signed during the IAS officer's tenure in the Defence Ministry;

(c) whether Government is aware that there are reports of heavy exchange of commissions during purchase in the Defence Ministry; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Defence has no information about involvement of an IAS officer in purchase of Eurocopters.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Benefits of Sixth Pay Commission to Employees of URCs

1439. SHRI AVTAR SINGH KARIMPURI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has issued any orders to extend the Sixth Central Pay Committee award to the Unit Run Canteens (URCs) employees;