

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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TERRORIST ATTACKS  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of soldiers who laid down their lives while fighting against the terrorists during the last two years;
- (b) whether the Government is taking any appropriate steps to check such terrorist attacks; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) Number of Army personnel killed due to terrorist action in various counter insurgency operations since 2003 till date are as follows:

Year	Officers	Junior	Commissioned	Other	Total
	Officers Ranks				
2003	23	24	194	241	
2004	15		9	163	187
2005	10		9	109	128

(till 16th November, 2005)

(b) & (c): The current multi pronged Counter Proxy War strategy adopted by the Army incorporates an integrated dynamic counter infiltration posture, relentless operations in the hinterland and winning the hearts and minds of the local populace. The overall counter infiltration strategy of the Army envisages a multi-tiered arrangement, including a forward tier of troop deployment, deployment of state-of-the-art surveillance devices, the Line of Control fence and a second tier deployment in conjunction with the fence. This has resulted in a substantial drop in infiltration/exfiltration. The Army, in conjunction with other intelligence and security agencies, continually reviews its strategy to deal with terrorists, based on the ground situation, and to ensure that infiltration is further minimized and violence in Jammu and Kashmir remain under check.