

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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ASSURED DECENT LAST RITES SCHEME
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Army has launched the 'Assured Decent Last Rites Scheme' for its former servicemen;
- (b) if so, the salient features thereof;
- (c) the amount of financial assistance to be given to the deceased family;
- (d) the States which are likely to be covered; and
- (e) the budgetary allocation for this scheme during 2006-2007?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI M.M. PALLAM RAJU)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) The scheme envisages supporting the next of Kin to carry out the last rites of the late ex-serviceman in a decent and dignified manner befitting his status as a soldier and veteran. The scheme will be financed from the Welfare Fund generated out of Canteen profits.
- (c) A grant of upto Rs. 2,500/- can be provided to the deceased family.
- (d) The entire country.
- (e) Nil, as the scheme will be financed from Welfare Fund generated out of Canteen profits.