

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2659  
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SETTING UP OF DEPARTMENT TO REDRESS THE GRIEVANCES OF EX-SERVICEMEN  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether it is true that the Government is considering to set up a department of Ex-servicemen to redress their grievances better;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also true that the proposed department will also look into various post service requirements of ex-servicemen; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

- (a) The Government have already set up a separate Department of Ex- servicemen Welfare under the Ministry of Defence.
- (b) The Department is headed by an Additional Secretary. For coordination purposes, Defence Secretary will provide the overall supervision within the Ministry of Defence.
- (c) Yes Sir.
- (d) The Department of Ex-servicemen Welfare will deal with the following post service requirements of ex-servicemen:-
  - (i) All aspects of resettlement and welfare of ex-servicemen and their dependents.
  - (ii) Ex-servicemen Contributory Health Scheme; and
  - (iii) All pension matters of the Armed Forces.