The total expenditure incurred on this account was of the order of Rs. 978 crores.

1165 personnel were killed and 3009 wounded in the operations in Sri Lanka. The families of the killed soldiers were given liberalised family pension and other pensionary benefits, as in the case of battle casualties, in accordance with the pensionary entitlements in force.

This information was given by Defence Minister, Shri George Fernandes in a written reply to Shri Manohar Kant Dhyani in Rajya Sabha today.

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