

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 52
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18th JULY, 2022

DEFENCE SECTOR RECRUITMENT

52. SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Army has not recruited any person in the last two years;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the total shortage of manpower in all three armed forces, including both officer and non-officer rank;
- (d) the average annual recruitment in the Armed Forces since 2015;
- (e) whether the average recruitment figure is more than the proposed annual intake of Agniveers; and
- (f) if so, how will the shortage of manpower in the Armed Forces be met with?

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MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(SHRI AJAY BHATT)

(a) & (b): No, Sir.

(c): Manpower shortages (depending on manpower requirements, Retirements, Premature retirements (PMR), invalidation are dynamic. Shortage with respect to authorized strength is:-

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| (i) | Army | - | 64482 (as on 01.1.2020 and 116464
(as on 01.1.2022). |
| (ii) | Navy | - | 13597 (as on 31.5.2022). |
| (iii) | Indian Air Force | - | 5723 (as on 1.7.2022). |

(d): The average annual recruitment in Army, Navy & Air Force is 60,000, 5332 and 5723 respectively.

(e) & (f): The matter is under subjudice in the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.
