

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 536
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12th December, 2022

DEMAND FOR ESTABLISHING AHIR REGIMENT IN THE INDIAN ARMY

536 SHRI DEEPENDER SINGH HOODA:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has received representations/memorandum demanding for setting up of a new Ahir Regiment in the Indian Army; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government thereon?

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MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(SHRI AJAY BHATT)

(a) & (b): Recruitment to Indian Army is based on domicile and merit. As per Government policy on the subject, all citizens irrespective of their class, creed, region or religion are eligible for recruitment in the Indian Army. After Independence, it has been the policy of the Government not to raise any new Regiment for a particular class/community/religion or region. Adequate vacancies are being provided to all classes to ensure equitable opportunity for recruitment into the Army.

A number of representations on raising of Ahir Regiment have been received earlier from time to time, which have been replied on similar lines as mentioned above.
