

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2925
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27th March, 2023

HEALTH PROFESSIONALS IN ARMED FORCES

2925 DR. V. SIVADASAN:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of sanctioned posts for medical professionals in Indian Army, Navy and Air Force;
- (b) the number of such posts lying vacant, force-wise details thereof;
- (c) the number of sanctioned posts for mental health professionals in Indian Army, Navy and Air Force;
- (d) the number of psychologists and psychiatrists working with the Indian Army, Navy and Air Force, force-wise details thereof; and
- (e) the number of vacancies of mental health professionals in the armed forces?

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MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(SHRI AJAY BHATT)

(a) & (b): The details of posts of medical professionals viz. doctors (Army Medical Corps and Army Dental Corps) and nurses (Military Nursing Services) sanctioned and vacant in Indian Army, Navy and Air Force as of February 2023 are at Annexure-I, Table-1.

The details of posts of other medical staff (paramedics) sanctioned and vacant in Indian Army, Navy and Air Force as of March, 2023 are at Annexure-I, Table-2.

(c) to (e): Number of sanctioned posts and vacancies of mental health professionals including psychologists and psychiatrists in Indian Army, Navy and Air Force are at Annexure-II, Table-1.

ANNEXURE-I REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2925 FOR ANSWER ON 27.03.2023 REGARDING "HEALTH PROFESSIONALS IN ARMED FORCES".

Table-1: Doctors and Nurses in Indian Army, Navy and Air Force:

Corps Services		Army Medical Corps	Army Dental Corps	Military Nursing Service
Army	Authorised	6269	691	4396
	Held	5527	649	3865
	Vacancy	742	42	531
Navy	Authorised	736	57	446
	Held	700	44	380
	Vacancy	36	13	66
Air Force	Authorised	932	40	516
	Held	898	30	433
	Vacancy	34	10	83
Total	Authorised	7937	788	5358
	Held	7125	723	4678
	Vacancy	812	65	680

Table-2: Other Medical Staff (paramedics) in Indian Army, Navy and Air Force:

Service	Authorized	Held	Vacancy
Army	24640	23375	1265
Navy	3195	2804	391
Air Force	4496	4383	113

ANNEXURE-II REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (c) to (e) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2925 FOR ANSWER ON 27.03.2023 REGARDING “HEALTH PROFESSIONALS IN ARMED FORCES”.

Sanctioned Posts	Army				Navy				Air Force			
	Authorized			Posted	Authorized			Posted	Authorized			Posted
	Peace Establishment (PE)	Additional from approved Specialist pool	Total		PE	Additional from approved Specialist pool	Total		PE	Additional from approved Specialist pool	Total	
Psychiatrist	26	38	64	64	08	07	15	15	03	03	06	06
Psychiatric Nursing Officer	0	-	0	101*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Clinical Psychologist (Civilian)	08**	-	08	0	Nil	-	-	0	07**	-	-	-
Psychologist Counsellor JCO	46	-	46	126*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Psychiatry Nursing Assistant/ Medical Assistant	471	-	471	441	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Table-1: Mental health professionals in Indian Army, Navy and Air Force:

- *Trained as per the actual requirement of the services. They are being utilised for Psychiatric/Psychological as well as General Duty. No additional/extra manpower is employed other than overall authorised strength.
- **Clinical Psychologist being utilized by outsourcing services.
