

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2933
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27th March, 2023

SHORTAGE OF STAFF IN ARMED FORCES

2933 SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is shortage of staff including officers, soldiers, and medical staff in the armed forces;
- (b) if so, the details thereof in the three wings of the armed forces;
- (c) whether any steps has been taken by Government to address this shortage; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

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MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(SHRI AJAY BHATT)

(a)&(b): The details of deficiency in Indian Army, Indian Navy and Indian Air Force are as under: -

Indian Army (IA):

Service Personnel:-

Category	Deficiency as on 01.01.2023
Officers (Including Army Medical Corps and Army Dental Corps)	8129
Military Nursing Service (MNS) Officers	509
JCOs/OR	127673

Civilians :-

Category	Deficiency as on 15.12.2022
Group 'A'	252
Group 'B'	2549
Group 'C'	35368

Indian Navy (IN):

Service Personnel:-

Category	Deficiency as on 31.12.2022
Officers (excluding Medical & Dental)	1653
Medical & Dental Officers	29
Sailors	10746

Civilians:-

Category	Deficiency as on 31.12.2022
Group 'A'	165
Group 'B' (G)	707
Group 'B (NG)'	3500
Group 'C'	6156

Indian Air Force (IAF):

Service Personnel:-

Category	Deficiency as on 10.03.2023
Officers (except Medical and Dental branch)	721
Medical Officers	16
Airmen (except Medical Assistant trade)	4734
Airmen of Medical Assistant trade	113
NCs(E)	1447

Civilians:-

Category	Deficiency as on 10.03.2023
Group 'A'	22
Group 'B'	1303
Group 'C'	5531

(c)&(d): Shortage of armed forces personnel and mitigating measures are reviewed regularly by the Armed Forces and based on detailed analysis, numerous measures have been initiated to fill the vacancies and encourage youth to join the Services. These, inter-alia, include enhanced emphasis on improved Image Projection/Publicity in audio, visual, print, internet, social media, holding of career fairs, exhibitions, motivational lectures in schools and colleges, computer-based online application filling examination, revamping of websites of Services to facilitate implementation of a robust recruitment management system and Candidate Friendly Recruitment Process, grant of Permanent Commission to the Short Service Commission officers, for both men and women, entry of women through NDA, besides creating requisite infrastructure.