

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1166
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31st July, 2023

WOMEN IN THE ARMY

1166 SHRI SANDOSH KUMAR P:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of women in Indian Army medical and non-medical cadres;
- (b) whether Government has any plan to increase the number of women in the Indian Army;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

A N S W E R

MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(SHRI AJAY BHATT)

(a): (i) The total number of women in Indian Army medical cadres, as on 01st July, 2023 are as under: -

- (aa) Army Medical Corps (AMC) – 1212
- (ab) Army Dental Corps (ADC) – 168
- (ac) Military Nursing Service (MNS) – 3841

(ii) The total number of women officers in Indian Army (excluding AMC, ADC and MNS) as on 01st January, 2023: 1,733

(b) & (c): Yes, Sir. The major initiatives underway are as under: -

(i) 20 vacancies for Women Army cadets per year have been allotted in National Defence Academy, Pune with effect from July, 2022.

(ii) Short Service Commission has 90 vacancies for women including 10 additional vacancies increased with effect from June, 2023.

(iii) Approval has been given, since March, 2023 for induction of women officers into following branches: -

- (aa) Artillery units.
- (ab) Remount and Veterinary Corps.

(iv) Entry of Women officers as pilots in Army Aviation has commenced with effect from June, 2021.

(v) Enrolment of women as Other Ranks in Corps of Military Police in the Indian Army has commenced since 2019.

(d): Not applicable.
