

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1966**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07<sup>th</sup> August, 2023  
**SHORTAGE OF MAJORS AND CAPTAINS**

1966. SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Armed Forces face a shortage of Majors and Captains amongst its ranks;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the total number of sanctioned and vacant posts of Major and Captain in the Armed Forces;
- (d) in which manner such vacancies affect the readiness and preparedness of the Armed Forces; and
- (e) the steps taken by Government to fill such existing vacancies urgently?

A N S W E R

MINISTER OF STATE  
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(SHRI AJAY BHATT)

(a) to (e): The details of sanctioned and vacant posts of Majors and Captains (or equivalent) in Armed Forces are as under:

Sl. No.	Rank/Category	Sanctioned Strength	Vacant Posts
1.	Major (or equivalent)	24,141	3,999
2.	Captain (or equivalent)	15,632	6,278

The operational readiness and effectiveness of the Armed Forces is maintained with organizational resources. The available strength of Armed Forces personnel is sufficient to meet the current operational requirements.

The Government has undertaken various measures to fill the vacancies in the Armed Forces, which 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 filing etc.

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