

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 376
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24th July, 2023

SHORTAGE OF MAJORS AND CAPTAINS IN THE ARMY

376 SHRI KUMAR KETKAR:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Army has acute shortage of officers at the Major and Captain levels;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps being initiated by Government in this regard; and
- (c) the number of posts of officers lying vacant in each of the category?

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MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(SHRI AJAY BHATT)

(a) to (c): The details of shortage of Majors and Captain in the Army is as under:

Major: (-) 2094

Captain: (-) 4734

The shortage can be attributed to the following factors: -

- (i) Low intake during COVID-19 pandemic.
- (ii) Low intake in all Support Cadre entries mainly consisting of Short Service Commission and other service entries.

In order to mitigate the shortage, proposal to make 'Short Service Entry More Attractive' is under consideration.
