

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO.439

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 16TH DECEMBER, 2016

ARMY RECRUITMENT CENTRES

*439. SHRI VIKRAM USENDI:
SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE j{k k ea=h
be pleased to state:

- (a) the criteria for organizing recruitment rallies for recruiting soldiers in the Armed Forces;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to open new army recruitment and training centers in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State / UT-wise;
- (d) whether incidents of violence have been reported from various parts during army recruitments rallies and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard?

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MINISTER OF DEFENCE

(SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

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(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 439 FOR ANSWER ON 16.12.2016

(a) The recruitment of Other Ranks (ORs) in the Armed Forces is based on merit and is open equally to every citizen of the country without discrimination on the basis of caste, creed, tribe or religion; provided the candidate meets the prescribed age, physical, medical and educational criteria. Service-wise details (Army, Navy and Air Force) are as under:-

Army:

Recruitment of Other Ranks (ORs) in Army is based on Recruitable Male Population (RMP) of a State/Union Territory. RMP is reckoned as 10% of the total eligible male population of the State/UT based on Census of India Report 2011. Vacancies for recruitment are distributed on the basis of Recruitable Male Population (RMP) of States/UTs. The policy is fair and provides equitable opportunity to eligible candidates from all States.

Recruitment in Army for ORs is done through recruitment rallies. Rallies are conducted after due deliberation, planning and detailed coordination with civil administration after ensuring that all basic amenities such as infrastructure and adequate police arrangements have been made by the civil administration.

'Online Application System' has been adopted since July, 2015. In this new recruitment system, all candidates can apply online and take part in recruitment activities through their respective Army Recruitment Office (ARO). In Online Application System, individual can apply online on the website of Recruiting Directorate www.joinindianarmy.nic.in for taking part in the rally covering the district to which he belongs.

Thus, in the new system, regulated number of candidates is called for at the rally on a given date, which ensures smooth conduct of rallies, reduces crowds and obviates recurrence of incidents of violence due to overcrowding.

Navy:

Recruitment of sailors in the Navy is carried out on All India basis on State wise merit of the eligible 'Recruitable Male Population', as per the number of vacancies available. The selection process consists of Written Examination, Physical Efficiency Test and Medical Examination. However, in certain locations where response is low, recruitment rallies are also conducted.

Air Force:

The selection of Airmen (ORs) is through a centralized system through centralized selection tests on All India basis in which Central Airmen Selection Board (CASB) assisted by 14 Airmen Selection Centres located in different parts of the country carry out recruitment. In addition, Recruitment Rallies are conducted in order to give opportunities to the youth hailing from remote / low response / borders / insurgency affected or hilly districts and island territories of the country. This helps in balanced representation of personnel in the Indian Air Force from different parts of the country.

(b) & (c): There is no proposal to open new Army recruitment centres and training centres in the country.

(d) & (e): No incidence of violence in the Army recruitments has been reported since introduction of Online Application System. As stated above, in the new system, regulated number of candidates are called to the rally on a given date, which ensures smooth conduct of rallies, reduces crowds and obviates recurrence of incidents of violence due to overcrowding.
