

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1707

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 10TH MARCH, 2017

SHORTAGE OF OFFICERS AND SOLDIERS

1707. SHRI D.S. RATHOD:

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

- (a) whether there is shortage of officers and soldiers in the defence forces at present;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard?

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MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

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(DR. SUBHASH BHAMRE)

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(a) to (c): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1707 FOR ANSWER ON 10.3.2017

(a) & (b): The details of shortage of personnel in the Armed Forces are as under:-

Army		Navy		Air Force	
Officers* (As on 1.7.2016)	Other Ranks (As on 1.7.2016)	Officers* (As on 30.9.2016)	Sailors (As on 30.9.2016)	Officers* (As on 1.8.2016)	Airmen (As on 1.11.2016)
8370	35174	1332	10982	29	9841

*excluding medical and dental branches.

(c) Government has taken a number of measures to reduce the shortages. These include sustained image projection, participation in career fairs and exhibitions and publicity campaign to create awareness among the youth on the advantages of taking up a challenging and satisfying career. Further, Government has taken various steps to make armed forces' jobs attractive. These include additional family accommodation through Married Accommodation Project (MAP) and improvement in promotion prospects in the Armed Forces.
