

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4932
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 31ST MARCH, 2017

SHORTAGE OF OFFICERS AND SOLDIERS IN DEFENCE FORCES

4932. SHRI M. RAJA MOHAN REDDY:

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

- (a) whether the Government has made any assessment of shortage of officers and soldiers in all three wings of the defence forces;
- (b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to increase the strength of officers and soldiers and other officials in the defence forces in the near future; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

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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 (d): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4932 FOR ANSWER ON 31.3.2017

(a) & (b): The details of shortage of personnel in the three wings of the defence 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) & (d): Force accretion of Armed Forces is an ongoing process dictated primarily by capabilities to be achieved and threat perception. Accordingly, Government has sanctioned a number of proposals for accretion of manpower in the recent years.

A number of measures have also been taken to meet the shortage of manpower in the Armed Forces including by sustained image projection, publicity campaign to create awareness among the youth on the advantages of taking up a challenging and satisfying career, as also by augmenting the training infrastructure of the Armed Forces.
