

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5700
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 7TH APRIL, 2017
WOMEN OFFICERS IN DEFENCE FORCES

5700. SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:
SHRI RADHESHYAM BISWAS:
KUMARI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE:

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

- (a) the number of women officers in various branches of defence forces including medical and nursing, Service / Commissioned / Rank-wise;
- (b) the number of complaints of harassment and discrimination received from women officers during the last three years and the current year and the action taken by the Government thereon; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to encourage women to join the Services and make necessary changes in recruitment 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. 5700 FOR ANSWER ON 07.04.2017.

(a) The number of women officers in the three Armed Forces, rank-wise is given as under:

Army (as on 01.01.2017)		Navy (as on 03.04.2017)		Air Force (as on 30.03.2017)	
Colonel	1	Captain	-	Group Captain	02
Lieutenant Colonel	183	Commander	32	Wing Commander	248
Major	441	Lieutenant Commander	204	Squadron Leader	601
Captain	724	Lieutenant	135	Flight Lieutenant	567
Lieutenant	179	Sub Lieutenant	97	Flying Officer	163
Total:	1528	Total:	468	Total:	1581

The number of women officers commissioned in Armed Forces Medical Services (as on 01.03.2017) is as given under:

Medical Officers		Dental Officers		Nursing	
Major General	5	Major General	-	Major General	2
Brigadier	10	Brigadier	-	Brigadier	18
Colonel	103	Colonel	10	Colonel (Selection Grade)	58
Lieutenant Colonel	280	Lieutenant Colonel	26	Lieutenant Colonel (Selection Grade)	157
Major	311	Major	48	Lieutenant Colonel (Time Scale)	1222
Captain	447	Captain	36	Major	640
Lieutenant	70	Lieutenant	-	Captain	1524
				Lieutenant	795
Total:	1226	Total:	120	Total:	4416

(b) Details of number of complaints of harassment and discrimination received from women officers of the above service are as under:-

Army	Navy	Air Force	Medical & Nursing
06	03	02	01
(2014 - Nil) (2015 - 02) (2016 - 04)	(last 8 years)	(2016 - 01) (2017 - 01)	(2016)

Action on such complaints is taken as per extent rules / guidelines on the issue.

(c) In 2011, the Government approved consideration of women Short Service Commission Officers (SSCOs) for grant of permanent commission along with men SSCOs in specific branches in the three services viz. Judge Advocate General (JAG), and Army Education Corps (AEC) of the Army and their corresponding branches in Navy and Air Force, Naval Constructor in Navy and Accounts Branch in Air Force.

In March 2016, approval has been accorded for induction of women Short Service Commission (SSC) officers as Pilots in Maritime Reconnaissance (MR) stream and in the Naval Armament Inspectorate (NAI) cadre.

The IAF has revised Short Service Commission (SSC) scheme to induct women into the fighter stream on an experimental basis for a period of five years. The first batch of three women officers were commissioned into the fighter stream on June 18, 2016.
