

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2201
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 28TH JULY, 2017
SHORTAGE OF SOLDIERS

2201. SHRI VINOD LAKHAMASHI CHAVDA:
SHRI P.K. BIJU:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- whether there is shortage of soldiers in the Armed Forces;
- if so, the details thereof; and
- the other steps taken by the Government to overcome the shortage of soldiers in the Armed Forces?

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MINISTER OF STATE (DR. SUBHASH BHAMRE)
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

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(डा. सुभाष भामरे)

(a) & (b): The shortage of JCOs / Other Ranks, Sailors and Airmen in the Army, Navy and Air Force, respectively is given as under:-

Army (as on 1.1.2017)	Navy (as on 31.5.2017)	Air Force (as on 1.7.2017)
25,472*	13,373	13,785

*In so far as the Army is concerned the existing shortages, vis-a-vis the total strength is nominal.

(c) The Government has taken a number of measures to reduce the shortages. These include augmentation of training capacity, sustained image projection, motivational lectures in schools, participation in career fairs and exhibitions and publicity campaign to create awareness among the youth on the advantages of taking up a challenging career in the Armed Forces.
