

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3442  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 4<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2017  
ATTRACTING YOUTH FOR ARMED FORCES

3442. COL. SONARAM CHOUDHARY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE जिक्र के लिए  
be pleased to state:

- whether there has been decline in the number of youth aspiring to join Army as Officer *vis-a-vis* other services over the years;
- if so, the details thereof during the last three years and the current year; and
- the action taken by the Government to attract more applicants to join Armed Forces?

A N S W E R

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

रक्षा राज्य मंत्री

(डा. सुभाष भामरे)

**(a) & (b):** The total number of youth applying to join the Indian Army, year wise is as under:-

| Year  | Number of applications received for all entries |
|---|---|
| 2014  | 408359  |
| 2015  | 453604  |
| 2016  | 264893*   |
| 2017<br>(as on 1 <sup>st</sup> August 2017) | 336653  |

\*Common applications were invited for two courses on trial basis in the year 2016.

(c) Government has undertaken sustained image projection campaign to create awareness among the youth on the advantages of taking up a challenging and satisfying career. Awareness campaigns, participation in career fairs and exhibitions, advertisements in print and electronic media, motivational lectures in schools, colleges are some of the measures in this direction.

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