

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2699
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 3RD JANUARY, 2018

RECRUITMENT IN ARMY

2699. DR. RAMESH POKHRIYAL ðNISHANKö:

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken any special step in view of the decreasing interest of the youth towards the Army and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether any programme is being conducted to provide comprehensive training and create awareness for recruitment of the youth in the Army and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether assistance of self-help groups is also being taken for the purpose and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether any special step is being taken to encourage women to join the Army and if so, the details thereof?

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MINISTER OF STATE
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(a) to (c): Government has taken a number of measures to encourage the youth to join the defence forces, including (i) sustained image projection; (ii) Publicity campaign to create awareness among the youth on the advantages of taking up a challenging and satisfying career; (iii) participation in career fairs and exhibitions; (iv) motivational lectures in schools and colleges etc. The support of State Government authorities is also solicited in disseminating requisite information to the target population. Further, recruitment rallies are conducted in different parts of the country to provide opportunity to youth to join the Armed Forces.

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Government has set up Sainik Schools and Rashtriya Military Schools in various parts of India with the primary aim of preparing boys academically, physically and mentally for entry into the Defence Services.

(d) The induction of women is based on the organizational requirement, fighting efficiency, combat effectiveness and functionality of the Army. Presently, women are recruited in Indian Army as Officers through Short Service Commission (SSC) on all India merit basis, alongwith men candidates. Women officers are inducted in Army Service Corps, Army Ordnance Corps, Army Education Corps, Judge Advocate Branch, Signals, Intelligence and Electrical and Mechanical Engineering branches.
