

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 531 FOR ANSWER ON 4.4.2018

(a) Yes, Madam. There is a shortage of officers / soldiers / staff in the armed forces.

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) to (e): The Government is taking several steps to address the shortage. To attract the youth of the country to join the armed forces, concerted efforts are put in place towards publicity, conduct of career fairs / career exhibitions; undertaking of numerous motivational lectures and road drives etc. Apart from this, number of recruitment zones have been increased to cover the length and breadth of the country; online recruitment procedures are given special attention in this regard; selection process has been simplified; use of social media is being done and computer based online application filling and online examination is undertaken in this regard.
