

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1938**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2018

**WOMEN PERSONNELS IN ARMY**

1938. SHRIMATI KAMLA DEVI PAATLE:

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

- (a) whether the number of women personnels have registered an increase in all the three wings of the armed forces for the past sometime;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years and the current year, wing-wise;
- (c) the wing-wise number of commissioned and non-commissioned women officers in various branches including medical and nursing branches;
- (d) whether the Government has received complaints from the women officers about trouble and discrimination being caused to them and even some of the cases of turning down of job proposals by the selected candidates on account of this; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken / being taken by the Government in this regard?

**A N S W E R**

MINISTER OF STATE (DR. SUBHASH BHAMRE)  
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
रक्षा रण्य मंत्री (डा. सुभाष भामरे)

**(a) & (b): Held strength of women officers (excluding Medical, Dental and Nursing) in the Indian Army for the last three years are as under:**

Year	Number of officers
2015 (as on 1 <sup>st</sup> July)	1466
2016 (as on 1 <sup>st</sup> July)	1512
2017 (as on 1 <sup>st</sup> July)	1548

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The borne strength of women officers (excluding Medical and Dental) in the Indian Navy as on 1<sup>st</sup> January from 2015 onwards is as follows

Year	Borne strength of women officers
2015	382
2016	409
2017	469

The strength of women officers (except Medical and Dental branch) in Indian Air Force in the last three years is as follows:

Year	Strength of women officers
2015	1428
2016	1584
2017	1598

(c) Details of women officers (excluding Medical, Dental and Nursing) in different Arms and Service of Indian Army as on 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2018 are as under:

Arm / Service	Women officers
AAD	63
Engrs	195
Sigs	220
ASC	265
AOC	292
EME	263
Int	73
Army Avn	20
AEC	85
RVC	0
JAG	85
Total	1561

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Current held strength of women officers in Armed Forces Medical Services as on 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2018 is as under:

Services	Number of Officers
AMC (Medical Officers)	975
AD Corps (Dental Officers)	127
MNS (Military Nursing Service)	3730

There are no non-commissioned women officers in the Army

As on 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2018, the total strength of women officers in the Indian Navy (including Medical and Dental) is 639

The branch wise breakdown is as follows:

	Branch /Cadre / Specialisation	Strength
(i)	Education	132
(ii)	Logistics	144
(iii)	Law	04
(iv)	ATC	67
(v)	Naval Constructor	64
(vi)	Observer	70
(vii)	Pilot	02
(viii)	Naval Armament	10
(ix)	Medical	144
(x)	Dental	02
	Total:	639

Branch wise details of women officers (except Medical and Dental branch) in the Indian Air Force (IAF) as on 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2018 is as follows:

Branch	No. of women officers
F(P)	104
F(N)	16
AE(M)	48
AE(L)	569
ADM	430
LGS	162
ACCTS	116
EDN	83
MET	70
Total:	1598

**There are no non-commissioned women officers in the IAF.**

**(d) & (e): The complaints of discrimination received from women officers at work place in the armed forces are investigated and necessary action taken against defaulting officers, in accordance with the prevailing Acts and rules in force.**

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