

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4176
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 21ST MARCH, 2018

READJUSTMENT OF MANPOWER IN ARMY

4176. SHRI HARIOM SINGH RATHORE:

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken a decision to readjust manpower in the Army and if so, the manpower saving likely to be achieved as a result thereof;
- (b) whether the decision is likely to impact provision of services to soldiers and their morale and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Sahayak system from the Army has been discontinued in peace stations; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons for the necessity of continuance of Sahayak system in peace stations?

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(a) & (b): The Government had constituted a Committee of Experts in May 2016 to recommend measures to enhance Combat Capability and rebalance defence expenditure of the armed forces. The recommendations of the Committee as accepted by the Government in September 2017 envisages to optimize 26,000 combatant posts and 31,000 civilian posts. No adverse impact is visualised in the implementation of recommendations of the Committee.

(c) & (d): The Sahayak system from the Army has not been discontinued in peace stations. A Sahayak in the Indian Army has clearly defined military duties and forms an integral part of the organisational structure of a unit and has specific functions during war and peace. A Sahayak, in addition to his normal soldier's tasks, provides essential support to Officers / JCOs both in peace and war which enables them to fully attend to their assigned duties.
