

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4341  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 21<sup>ST</sup> MARCH, 2018

**SHORTAGE OF SOLDIERS**

4341. SHRI VINOD LAKHAMASHI CHAVDA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any data of the shortage of soldiers in all the three wings of the Armed Forces; and  
(b) if so, the details thereof?

**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):** Yes, Madam. The shortage of soldiers in the three armed forces is as follows:

	Sanctioned strength	Borne Strength	Shortage (-)
Indian Army	1216247	1194864*	21383
Indian Air Force	142529	127519	15010
Indian Navy	72562	56214	16348

\* excluding 2198 APS Non-Reg JCO/OR.

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