

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2323
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 26TH DECEMBER, 2018

WOMEN IN ARMY

2323. SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE please be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has encouraged the women particularly from rural areas to enroll themselves in the army;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether any recruitment drive has been conducted to recruit the women in army from rural areas; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

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MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

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(a) to (d): Government has taken a number of measures to encourage the youth including girls, both from rural and urban areas, to join the defence forces. These measures include sustained image projection, publicity campaign to create awareness among the youth on the advantages of taking up a challenging and satisfying career, participation in career fairs and exhibitions, motivational lectures in schools and colleges etc.

The induction of women is based on the organisational requirement, fighting efficiency, combat effectiveness and functionality of the Army. Presently women alongwith men candidates are recruited in Indian Army as Officers through Short Service Commission (SSC) on all India merit basis and inducted in Army Service Corps, Army Ordnance

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Corps, Army Education Corps, Judge Advocate General Branch, Corps of Engineers, Corps of Signals, Intelligence Corps, Corps of Electrical & Mechanical Engineers, Army Aviation Corps and Corps of Army Air Defence. Women are also inducted in Indian Army in Military Nursing Service and Medical Officers cadre.
