

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5068
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24th JULY, 2019

STRENGTH OF DEFENCE FORCES

5068. SHRI NABA KUMAR SARANIA:

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

- (a) the total strength of all three forces (Navy, Army, Air Force) presently, force-wise and the details of shortage of manpower in each force;
- (b) the total number of regiments existing in the Army along with the headquarters and their foundation days;
- (c) the number of persons from North Eastern States working in all the three forces;
- (d) the functioning of the territorial army and the number of its battalions and total strength at present; and
- (e) the number of vacant posts in all the three forces?

A N S W E R

MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

रक्षा राज्य मंत्री

(SHRI SHRIPAD NAIK)

(श्री श्रीपाद नाईक)

(a) to (e): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5068 FOR ANSWER ON 24.07.2019 REGARDING "STRENGTH OF DEFENCE FORCES"

(a) & (e): Details of strength of Officers in the three Armed Forces (excluding Army Medical Corps, Army Dental Corps and Military Nursing Service), force-wise are as under:-

Service	Authorised Strength	Held Strength	Shortage
Army (as on 01.01.2019)	50312	42913	7399
Navy (As on 01.06.2019)	11557	10012	1545
Air Force (As on 01.06.2019)	12625	12142	483

Details of strength of Personnel Below Officers Rank (PBOR) / Airmen / Sailors in the three Armed Forces, force-wise, are as under:-

Service	Authorised Strength	Held Strength	Shortage
Army (as on 01.01.2019)	1223381	1185146*	38235
Navy (As on 01.06.2019)	74046	57240	16806
Air Force (As on 01.06.2019)	142917	129094	13823**

* Excluding 1718 APS Non-regular JCOs/ORs

** Additionally, 10,486 ab-initio trainees are undergoing training at various training Institutes.

(b): Information cannot be divulged in the interest of the National Security.

(c): Details of strength of Officers (excluding Army Medical Corps, Army Dental Corps and Military Nursing Service) and PBOR from the North Eastern States in the three Armed Forces are as under:

Army		Navy		Air Force	
Officers	PBORs	Officers	Sailors	Officers	Airmen
**	44464	134	1984	176	3177

** State-wise strength of officers is not maintained.

(d): The TA provides gainful employment to volunteer citizens to don the uniform and serve the nation. Its role is to relieve regular Army of static duties and to aid civil authority in dealing with natural calamities and maintenance of essential services in situation where life of the community is affected or the security of the country is threatened and to provide support to National effort. It also provides units for the regular Army as and when required. The TA comprises of Non Departmental and Departmental Units. Non-Departmental units are Infantry Battalion (TA), Infantry Battalion (Home & Hearth) (TA) and Engineering TA Regiments. Departmental Units form part of various civil departments/Ministries on which the units are based i.e. Railways, Oil Sector and Ecological Task Force (ETF).

The TA comprises of 65 Units including six battalions with a total strength of 43085 officers and men.
