

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1554
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10th February, 2023

REGIMENTS BASED ON VARIOUS CASTES

1554. SHRI GIRIDHARI YADAV:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether various caste based regiments exist in Indian Army, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Ahir regiment doesn't exist in Indian Army despite demonstration of indomitable courage by soldiers belonging to Ahir caste on various occasions;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the timeline by which the Ahir Regiment is likely to be raised; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

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MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(SHRI AJAY BHATT)

(a): No, Sir.

(b) to (d): Proposal for raising of Ahir Regiment is not under consideration. As per Government Policy on the subject, all citizens irrespective of their class, creed, region or religion are eligible for recruitment in the Indian Army. After Independence, it has been the policy of the Government not to raise any new Regiment for a particular class/community/religion or region. Adequate vacancies are being provided to all classes to ensure equitable opportunity for recruitment into the Indian Army.
