

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5046**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2023

**MEDICAL SERVICES IN DEFENCE SECTOR**

5046. SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL:  
SHRI D.K. SURESH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has set any target to create job opportunities for medical services in the defence sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to utilize the knowledge of the highly-skilled Post Graduates like doctor of pharmacy and other areas in various defence services; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the steps/initiatives taken by the Government in this regard?

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MINISTER OF STATE  
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(SHRI AJAY BHATT)

(a) & (b): The Armed Forces Medical Services comprise of authorised strengths of doctors, nurses and other medical staff to cater to the medical requirements of the armed forces personnel and their dependents.

Job opportunities exist for recruitment of doctors, nurses and other medical staff against existing vacancies that arise on account of release, resignation, premature retirement and superannuation.

(c) & (d): Yes, Sir. The Armed Force Medical Services (AFMS) inducts doctors who have obtained minimum qualification of a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) degree. The in-service doctors are permitted to pursue Post Graduate qualification in multiple specialities at AFMS institutes. The broad specialities available in AFMS are at Annexure.

Armed Forces Medical College (AFMC) Pune, offers Post Graduate course in Pharmacology besides other Post Graduate courses for doctors. As on date, approximately 39% of AFMS doctors hold a Post Graduate degree.

These Post Graduate doctors work as specialists in various major hospitals of the AFMS and provide specialist medical care to the Armed Forces personnel and their dependents.

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**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (c) & (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5046 TO BE ANSWERED ON 31.03.2023 REGARDING “MEDICAL SERVICES IN DEFENCE SECTOR”.**

List of specialities which are available at AFMS institutes:

Sl. No.	Subject
(1)	Aerospace Medicine
(2)	Anaesthesiology
(3)	Anatomy
(4)	Biochemistry
(5)	Blood Transfusion & Immunology
(6)	Community Medicine
(7)	Dermatology
(8)	Emergency Medicine
(9)	Ear Nose and Throat (ENT)
(10)	Forensic Medicine
(11)	General Medicine
(12)	General Surgery
(13)	Geriatric Medicine
(14)	Hospital Administration
(15)	Marine Medicine
(16)	Microbiology
(17)	Nuclear Medicine
(18)	Obstetrics and Gynaecology
(19)	Ophthalmology
(20)	Orthopaedics
(21)	Paediatrics
(22)	Pathology
(23)	Pharmacology
(24)	Physiology
(25)	Psychiatry
(26)	Radiodiagnosis
(27)	Radiotherapy
(28)	Respiratory Medicine
(29)	Sports Medicine

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