

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1419
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28th July, 2023

INDUCTION OF WOMEN IN SPECIAL FORCES

1419. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA VISWANATH:
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SHRIMATI GODDETI MADHAVI:
SHRI ADALA PRABHAKARA REDDY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether women have been inducted in the Special Forces;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor since they are legally eligible for the same;
- (d) whether the Government is considering training and inducting women to the Special Forces; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

A N S W E R

MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(SHRI AJAY BHATT)

(a) to (e): Women Officers in the Indian Armed Forces are eligible to volunteer for induction into the Special Forces without any gender bias, provided they meet selection Qualitative Requirements (QRs), and successfully complete the training.

In Indian Air Force, a total of two women officers have volunteered till date for Special Forces training and were detailed to undergo the same. However, they could not pass the training. In Indian Navy, 20 women Agniveers (Sailors) had appeared for the aptitude test for induction into Special Forces. However, none of them qualified.
