

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2161
TO BE ANSWERED ON 4th March, 2020

WOMEN IN DEFENCE SERVICES

2161. SHRI MITESH RAMESHBHAI PATEL (BAKABHAI):
SHRI KHAGEN MURMU:
SHRI Y. DEVENDRAPP:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of women employed in the three wings of the defence forces, service-wise;
- (b) whether there has been an increase in the number of women joining the defence forces during the last three years and the current year;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the details of the schemes being introduced by the Government to incentivise women to increase their participation in the defence forces?

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MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

रक्षा राज्य मंत्री

(SHRI SHRIPAD NAIK)

(श्री श्रीपाद नाईक)

- (a) The current number of women in the three armed forces is as under:

Indian Army	6892
Indian Air Force	1878
Indian Navy	685

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(b) & (c): Year-wise induction details of women in the three armed forces during the past three years and current year is as follows:

Year	2017	2018	2019	2020
Indian Army	949	819	364	102
Indian Air Force	109	86	77	00
Indian Navy	57	38	54	18 (in progress)

(d) Induction of women as soldiers in Military Police. 1700 such posts have been sanctioned to be spread over 17 years. 101 women have started their training in January this year at Corps of Military Police Training Centre, Bangalore.

All the branches/streams of Indian Air Force (IAF) are open to women officers. Opportunities for career in IAF are publicised through print/electronic media in accordance with the policy on 'Induction and Empowerment of Women in Armed Forces'. The Government has commenced a scheme for induction of women Short Service Commission (SSC) officers in the fighter stream of the flying branch in the year 2015. The IAF has also formulated the requisite gender neutral Air Hqr. Human Resource Policies (HRPs) enabling consideration of SSC officers for permanent commission in all ventures of the IAF.

Indian Navy has also progressively increased the avenues for women to join the Naval Force from 3 branches in 1992 to 11 branches in 2019.
