

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS  
**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2905**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2020

**RETIREMENT AGE IN ARMY**

2905. SHRI ABDUL KHALEQUE:  
SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:  
SHRIMATI RANJANBEN DHANANJAY BHATT:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering to increase the retirement age of Defence Service Personnel particularly of those below the rank of officers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether this is for both the combat and the non-combat personnel and if so, the details thereof and its likely impact on the fitness level of the Army personnel;
- (d) whether there has been an actual decrease in the number of applicants in the Indian Army especially at the officers level; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the action intended to improve the recruitment in Armed Forces?

**A N S W E R**

MINISTER OF STATE  
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

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(SHRI SHRIPAD NAIK)

(श्री श्रीपाद नाईक)

(a) to (c): Defence Services are examining this issue; however no formal proposal has been received by the Ministry of Defence.

(d) & (e): There has been no perceptible decrease in the number of applications received by the Indian Army.

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