

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2113
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10th DECEMBER, 2021

ARMY REGIMENTS

2113. SHRI NABA KUMAR SARANIA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE
be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of regiments in the country including the budget allocated to them annually;
- (b) whether there is any proposal of the Government to form Cooch Narayani Regiment, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether a number of different communities have requested the formation of new regiments in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether there is any proposal to form a tribal regiment and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the inspiration lines of freedom fighter Bir Birs Munda form the slogan of any regiment; and
- (f) if so, the details along with the date of constitution of different regiments and their slogans thereof?

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MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(SHRI AJAY BHATT)

- (a) There are 27 Infantry Regiments in the Indian Army. Details are attached as per **Appendix**. Budget allocation in the Army is not carried out Regiment wise.
- (b) 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 Army.

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(c) Yes, Sir. Many Petitions, VIP references, Parliament questions, Private Member Bills etc for raising of new regiments based on Class/Region/Names of Historical and National Heroes etc have been received from time to time. However, as per Government Policy quoted above, no new regiment has been raised.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Yes, Sir. One of the War Cries of BIHAR Regiment is “BIRSA MUNDA KI JAI”.

(f) Indian Army has numerous Regiments across various Arms & Services. They have been constituted in different years as indicated at Appendix and have different slogans.

**APPENDIX REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (f) OF LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2113 FOR ANSWER ON 10.12.2021 REGARDING
'ARMY REGIMENTS.'**

RAISING OF INFANTRY REGIMENTS

<u>S.No.</u>	<u>Regiment</u>	<u>Year of Raising</u>
1.	PARA	1761
2.	PUNJAB	1705
3.	MADRAS	1758
4.	GRENADIERS	1796
5.	MARATHA LI	1768
6.	RAJ RIF	1817
7.	RAJPUT	1798
8.	JAT	1817
9.	SIKH	1846
10.	SIKH LI	1941
11.	DOGRA	1858
12.	GARH RIF	1901
13.	KUMAON (including NAGA)	1730
14.	ASSAM	1941
15.	BIHAR	1941
16.	MAHAR	1941
17.	JAK RIF (including LADAKH SCOUTS)	1837
18.	JAK LI	1948
19.	1 GR	1815
20.	4 GR	1857
21.	3 GR	1815
22.	9 GR	1817
23.	5 GR	1858
24.	8 GR	1836
25.	11 GR	1948
