GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2142
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10th DECEMBER, 2021

RECRUITMENT RALLIES OF INDIAN ARMY

2142. SHRI PASUNOORI DAYAKAR:
SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH JAUNAPURIA:
SHRI SAUMITRA KHAN:
SHRI SUNIL KUMAR PINTU:
SHRI SHRINIWAS PATIL:
SHRIMATI KAVITHA MALOTHU:
DR. G. RANJITH REDDY:
SHRI HANUMAN BENIWAL:
SHRI VENKATESH NETHA BORLAKUNTA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE
be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of posts of commissioned and non-commissioned staff lying vacant in the Armed Forces;

(b) the details of recruitment rallies conducted by Army recruiting office during each of the last five years along with the total number of youths/cadets recruited during the said period, State/UT-wise including Telangana and West Bengal;

(c) whether there is quota for every State to recruit armed personnel and if so, the details thereof indicating the criteria for organizing recruitment camps;

(d) whether the Government proposes to conduct recruitment campaigns throughout the country for recruitment of youths from various areas including rural areas, if so, the details thereof and the time schedule for conducting such campaigns, State/UT-wise including Bihar, Rajasthan and West Bengal; and

(e) whether the recruitment rallies have been stopped due to COVID-19 pandemic and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken to fill up the vacant posts of commissioned and non-commissioned staff in the Armed Forces?

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MINISTER OF STATE   (SHRI AJAY BHATT)
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(a) The number of posts lying vacant in the Armed Forces are as under:

Service	Vacant Posts	
	Officers	JCOs/ORs/Airmen/Sailors
Indian Army	7476 (including AMC/ADC/MNS)	97177
Indian Air Force*	621	4850
Indian Navy	1265	11166

* Excluding Medical and Dental personnel

(b) The details of recruitment rallies conducted by the Indian Army across the country in the last five years are as under:

Year	Number of rallies conducted
2015-16	128
2016-17	102
2017-18	106
2018-19	92
2019-20	95

The details of State-wise recruitment by the Indian Army during the last five years is at Annexure.

(c) There is no quota for any State for the recruitment of Armed Forces personnel. However, the recruitment is carried out on the basis of 'Recruitable Male Population' (RMP) of respective States.

(d) Army Recruiting Office located in all States carry out awareness programs throughout the year in their area of responsibility with an endeavour to reach out to maximum youth in the State. Four Army recruitment rallies out of 87 rallies have been carried out in Recruiting Year 2021-22 and balance will be conducted based on COVID-19 situation.

The selection of Airmen into Indian Air Force is through Scheduled Tests and Recruitment Rallies. Scheduled Test for Airmen Recruitment (STAR) is conducted twice in a year wherein aspiring eligible candidates from all across the country get the opportunity to appear for the test. In addition, recruitment rallies are conducted with a view to cover low represented, low response, remote areas to maintain demographic balance in the IAF and candidates only from designated districts covered in the rally are permitted to appear.

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The Indian Navy has fully migrated to an online application based process. Therefore, no recruitment campaigns are organised in any State/UT.

(e) Yes, Sir. The recruitment rallies by the Indian Army are presently on hold. However, various steps have been taken to fill up vacant posts of Officers and Junior Commissioned Officers/Other Ranks (JCOs/ORs) in Indian Army. Young Leaders Training Wing has been established at Officers' Training Academy, Chennai with effect from September 2019 to groom prospective service candidates for selection through In-Service entries viz. Army Cadet College (ACC), Special Commission Officers (SCO) & Permanent Commission (Special List).

The rallies by IAF were stopped due to COVID-19 restrictions initially. Still, 11 rallies have been conducted by IAF during the year 2020 adhering to COVID-19 protocols and the vacancies have been filled in the airmen cadre through rally as well as Scheduled Test for Airmen Recruitment (STAR) online examination conducted Pan-India.

The COVID-19 pandemic had an adverse impact on recruitment of officers and sailors into the Indian Navy. The pandemic and associated lockdowns and travel restrictions necessitated a 'Batch Holiday' which resulted in non recruitment of 02/2020 sailors batch. However, various measures have been undertaken by the Indian Navy to fill vacancies which, inter-alia, include enhanced emphasis on improved Image Projection/Publicity in audio, visual, print, internet, social media, holding of career fairs, exhibitions, motivational lectures in schools and colleges, computer-based online application filling etc.

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ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2142 FOR ANSWER ON 10.12.2021 REGARDING 'RECRUITMENT RALLIES OF INDIAN ARMY'.

S. No.	States/UT	Intake					
		2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
1.	Andaman Nicobar	0	65	13	2	7	11
2.	Andhra Pradesh	2145	2277	1389	1431	1301	2426
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	101	254	156	217	195	90
4.	Assam	1082	1227	829	900	631	1152
5.	Bihar	3595	3865	2932	2726	2199	4559
6.	Chandigarh	3	2	2	3	3	6
7.	Chhattisgarh	860	852	817	606	372	622
8.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0	0	0	0	0	1
9.	Daman & Diu	0	0	0	0	0	0
10.	Delhi	1043	806	798	166	167	337
11.	Goa	25	50	16	1	2	6
12.	Gujarat	1855	1214	1257	728	1346	1822
13.	Haryana	3533	4340	3538	3634	3210	5097
14.	Himachal Pradesh	3207	3072	2174	2376	4202	5882
15.	Jammu & Kashmir	2844	2504	1954	1817	3672	3796
16.	Ladakh	0	0	0	0	0	359
17.	Jharkhand	1042	879	687	925	663	985
18.	Karnataka	1613	1691	1142	1410	1680	2930
19.	Kerala	2571	2425	1584	1278	865	1846
20.	Lakshadweep	0	6	15	7	13	9
21.	Madhya Pradesh	2840	3413	2281	2352	1570	3099
22.	Maharashtra	5207	6106	3980	3836	4050	6131
23.	Manipur	268	359	247	400	311	543
24.	Meghalaya	145	141	86	75	89	109
25.	Mizoram	102	123	200	108	184	212
26.	Nagaland	137	128	112	103	122	71
27.	Odisha	1085	1533	642	737	474	1055
28.	Puducherry	9	21	3	1	2	5
29.	Punjab	5985	5046	4616	4988	5843	7813
30.	Rajasthan	4967	5384	4658	4298	4172	6886
31.	Sikkim	72	155	39	109	227	109
32.	Tamil Nadu	2558	2536	1870	1872	1530	3225
33.	Telangana	110	153	515	643	693	1445
34.	Tripura	820	1226	89	55	69	91
35.	Uttar Pradesh	8410	10128	6245	6339	6322	8462
36.	Uttarakhand	2704	4390	3360	2384	3222	4263
37.	West Bengal	3630	4397	2116	1862	1471	3166
	Total	**64568**	**70768**	**50362**	**48389**	**50879**	**78621**

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