

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1121**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 2022

**STRENGTH OF OFFICERS IN DEFENCE FORCES**

1121. SHRI UTTAM KUMAR REDDY NALAMADA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total sanctioned strength of commissioned officers and other ranks of the Indian Army, Air Force and Navy;
- (b) whether there is any exercise underway in the Ministry to reduce the sanctioned strength of commissioned officers and other ranks in the Indian Army, Air Force and Navy and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which the Ministry plans to fill the total sanctioned strength of commissioned officers and other ranks in the Indian Army, Air Force and Navy?

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MINISTER OF STATE  
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(SHRI AJAY BHATT)

- (a) Indian Army: The total sanctioned strength of commissioned officers and other ranks of the Indian Army is as under:

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Categories</b>	<b>Sanctioned Strength</b> (Status as on 01.01.2022)
(i)	Officers	56,972
(ii)	Nursing Officers	4,396
(iii)	JCOs/ OR	12,41,768

Indian Navy:

The total strength of officers (excluding medical and dental) and sailors in Indian Navy as on 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2022 is tabulated below:

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<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Sanctioned Strength</b>
(i)	Officers (excluding medical and dental)	11821
(ii)	Sailors	75866

Indian Air Force:

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Sanctioned Strength</b>
(i)	Officers (excluding medical and dental)	12745
(ii)	Airmen/Non Combatants(E)	156362

(b): Review of manpower by the three Defence Services is an ongoing process, based on changing organisational requirements, as also technological advancements with an aim to enhance 'Teeth-to-Tail' ratio.

(c): Recruitment in the armed forces are undertaken as per the organisational requirement considering the facts like annual retirement, exits and Premature Retirement etc. It is the endeavor of the Government to fill up all vacancies in the armed forces in a time bound manner.

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