

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5651
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04th April, 2025

RECRUITMENT IN ARMY

5651. DR. KALANIDHI VEERASWAMY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is proposing to reduce the physical test parameters between male and female candidates for recruitment in the Indian Army;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government believes that such a move will ensure a more inclusive environment for women in the Indian Army and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the manner in which the Government plans to maintain the overall operational efficiency and readiness of the Army while implementing these changes;
- (e) the details of measures proposed/being proposed by the Government to ensure that the physical standards for women candidates, if revised, remain consistent with the physical demands required by the Army in real combat scenarios; and
- (f) whether there are any concerns raised by military leadership or experts regarding the potential impact of reducing the physical test parameters on the performance and preparedness of female recruits and if so, the details thereof?

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MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(SHRI SANJAY SETH)

(a) to (f): No, Sir. No such proposal has been moved by Indian Army till date.
