

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

**STARRED QUESTION NO.85**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 4<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2015

**RECRUITMENT DRIVE FOR ARMED FORCES**

\*85. SHRI RAVNEET SINGH:  
MAJ GEN BC KHANDURI AVSM (Retd):

Will the Minister of DEFENCE  
be pleased to state:

- (a) the Salient features of open Recruitment Rally System in vogue in Armed Forces;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to launch special recruitment drive for the Armed Forces in various States including Punjab and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to open new recruitment centres in various parts of the country including Punjab and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether any concession in recruitment is given to candidates from tribal / hilly areas and if so, the details thereof?

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MINISTER OF STATE  
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

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**(a)to(d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.**

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF LOK SABHA  
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(a): Recruitment rallies are conducted in different parts of the country to provide opportunity to youth from these areas to join the Armed Forces. Efforts are made to cover entire country including remote and tribal areas. Physical Fitness Test (PFT) and Physical Measurement Test (PMT) and Medical Test are conducted at Rally site. Common Entrance Examination is held for selected candidates in PFT, PMT and Medical and finally selected candidate are despatched to concerned training centres.

(b): Recruitment in the Armed Forces is a continuous/ongoing process. Efforts are made to cover the entire country.

(c): Presently there is no proposal to open any new recruitment centre.

(d): Details of relaxations for candidates of tribal/ hilly areas and other backward areas are as under:-

**Army:**

(i) **Physical Relaxation:** Details of physical standard for general candidates and relaxed standard for candidates of tribal / hilly areas are as under:

Category	Permissible Height (cm)	Weight (Kg)
General	166-170 (depending upon the region i.e. plain / hills)	50
Scheduled Tribes	162	48
Ladakhi	157	50
Gorkhas	157	48
Andaman & Nicobar (Settlers)	165	50
Andaman & Nicobar (Locals)	155	50

(ii) **Educational Relaxation:** Details of educational requirement for general candidates and relaxed educational requirement for candidates of tribal / hilly areas are as under:

(A) **General Candidates:** Class X Pass with 45% aggregate and 33% in each subject.

(B) **Relaxed Standards:**

(I) Simple class X Pass instead of 45% aggregate and 33% in each subject is permitted for candidates from following areas:

- (a) **J&K State:** All Districts of J&K excluding Jammu, Samba and Kathua Districts.
- (b) **Uttarakhand State:** Batwari Tehsil of Uttarkashi District, Okhimath Tehsil of Rudrapur District, Joshimath Tehsil of Chamoli District, Berinag, Didihat, Dharchula and Munsiri Tehsils of Pithoragarh District.
- (c) **Himachal Pradesh:** District of Kullu, Lahul-Spiti.
- (d) **Gujarat:** Rapar and Lakhpat Tehsils of Kutch District.
- (e) **North Eastern States:** State of Assam, Tripura, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Manipur and Nagaland.
- (f) **Rajasthan:** Jaisalmer and Barmer District and Shergarh, Osian and Phalodi Tehsils of Jodhpur District.
- (g) **Andaman & Nicobar Group of Islands:** Settlers.
- (h) **Lakshadweep & Minicoy Gp of Islands**
- (i) **Class/Community:** All Gorkhas.

(II) **Class VIII Pass is permitted for candidates from following areas:**

- (a) **Sikkim**
- (b) **Andaman & Nicobar Group of Islands:** Tribals and Aborigines.
- (c) **North Eastern States:** Arunachal Pradesh.
- (d) **Class/Community:** Scheduled Tribes from all States of India.

(iii) **Physical Tests:** Provision exists for award of extra time for 1.6 km Run Physical test for candidates hailing from Hilly Terrain as per the geographical status given below:

- (a) Between 5000 ft to 9000 ft - Additional 30 secs.
- (b) Between 9000 ft to 12000 ft – Additional 120 secs.

**Navy:** There are no relaxations in educational standards. However, details of physical standard for general candidates and relaxed standard for candidates of tribal / hilly areas are as under:

<b>Applicable to</b>	<b>Permissible Height</b>
General Candidates	157
Tribals from Ladhakh	155
Gorkha and Nepali	154
A&N Islands, Lakshdweep & Minicoy (locals)	152
Bhutan, Sikkim and NE region	154
Any other category with extra talent in sports	155

**Air Force:** There are no relaxations in educational standards. However, following relaxation in height in the trades as mentioned below is rendered for candidates of North East and Hill States:

<b>Trade</b>	<b>Permissible height for general candidates (cm)</b>	<b>Relaxed height permissible for candidates of North East and Hill States (cm)</b>
Auto Technician	165	162.5
Indian Air Force Police	167	162.5
Indian Air Force Security	172	162

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