

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1137
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 4TH DECEMBER, 2015

WOMEN PERSONNEL IN DEFENCE FORCES

1137. SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR:
SHRIMATI VASANTHI M.:
SHRI K. ASHOK KUMAR:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE
be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of women working at commissioned and non-commissioned ranks in each of the three wings of the defence forces;
- (b) whether the working conditions for women personnel are same as their male counterparts, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to grant permanent commission to women as well as to induct them into fighting arms in all the wings of defence forces; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

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MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

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(a)to(d): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1137 FOR ANSWER ON 4.12.2015

(a): The number of women officers working in each of the three Wings of the Defence Forces is as under:-

Army (as on 1.7.2015)	Navy (as on date)	Air Force (as on 1.11.2015)
1466	418	1428

(b): The working conditions, promotion prospects, pay and allowances and service conditions of women officers are similar to that of male officers in respective branch/ cadre/ specialisation.

(c) & (d):ARMY: At present permanent commission in Army is granted to women officers in Judge Advocate General Branch and Army Education Corps. Women officers are not included in combat duties.

NAVY: Women officers are eligible for grant of permanent commission in select branches/ cadre in Navy. Presently they are not being deployed onboard Naval Warships.

AIR FORCE:In all branches, except flying branch, all women Short Service Commission Officers are considered for grant of permanent commission as per extant instructions. Further, the entry of women into the combat stream in Short Service Commission on experiment basis for a period of five years has been approved.
