

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2423**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2016

**SHORTAGE OF OFFICERS IN ARMY**

2423. SHRI KIRTI AZAD:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE j{k k ea=h  
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a shortage of Officers in the Indian Army against the total number of sanctioned posts for officers, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the age limit of officers in combat and combat support cadres at present; and
- (c) whether the Government is considering to lower the age limit of officers in combat and combat support cadres, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

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MINISTER OF DEFENCE

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(SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

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**(a) to (c): A statement is attached.**

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2423 FOR ANSWER ON 11.3.2016**

(a) In Army (excluding Army Medical Corps, Army Dental Corps and Military Nursing Service), as on 01.07.2015, against the authorized strength of 49,631 officers, held strength of officers was 40,525 with a shortage of 9,106 officers.

(b) Age limit for entry into various entry schemes in Army is as under:

S. No.	Entry scheme	Age limit
(i)	National Defence Academy	16½ to 19½ years
(ii)	Combined Defence Services	19 to 22 years
(iii)	Technical Graduate Course Entry	20 to 27 years
(iv)	National Cadet Corps Special Entry [Short Service Commission (Non Technical)]	19 to 25 years
(v)	University Entry Scheme	18 to 24 years (pre-final year) 19 to 25 years (final year)
(vi)	Short Service Commission (Non Technical)	19 to 25 years
(vii)	Short Service Commission (Technical)	20 to 27 years
(viii)	10 + 2 (Technical Entry Scheme)	16½ to 19½ years
(ix)	Army Cadet College (from Other Ranks)	20 to 27 years
(x)	Special Commissioned Officers (from Other Ranks).	28 to 35 years.

(c) Presently, there is no proposal to lower the age limit for entry of officers in Indian Army.

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