

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1110  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 22<sup>ND</sup> JULY, 2016

**STRENGTH OF WOMEN PERSONNEL**

1110. SHRI BHARATHI MOHAN R.K.:  
SHRI SHIVKUMAR UDASI:

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

- (a) the total number of women officers recruited in defence forces during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) the actual strength of women personnel in all the three services of defence forces, service-wise;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to induct women officers in defence forces for the combat duties; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

A N S W E R

MINISTER OF DEFENCE

j{k k ea=h

(SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

¼Jh euksgj ijhZdj½

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

\*\*\*\*\*

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1110 FOR ANSWER ON 22.7.2016**

(a) The details of women officers (excluding medical and dental branch) recruited during the last three years and the current year, Service-wise, are as under:-

Year	Army	Navy	Air Force
2013	127	50	144
2014	104	57	155
2015	72	35	223
2016	37 (Till date)	20 (Till date)	85 (Till 1.7.2016)

(b) The strength of women personnel (excluding medical and dental branch) in the three services of the defence forces is as under:-

Army (as on 1.4.2016)	Navy (as on date)	Air Force (as on 1.7.2016)
1514	439	1584

**(c) & (d):** On experimental basis the Government has inducted three women Short Service Commissioned Officers (SSCOs) in IAF into the fighter stream on 18.6.2016. This experimental entry scheme for women in fighter stream will be valid for 5 years from the date of issue of Government of India letter dated 02.12.2015. Further possibilities are being examined.

\*\*\*\*\*