

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1114
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22nd July, 2022

VACANCIES IN DEFENCE FORCES

1114. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH ALIAS LALAN SINGH:
SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN:
ADV. A.M. ARIFF:
SHRI SISIR KUMAR ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a number of posts of commissioned and non-commissioned officers/staff are lying vacant in the defence forces;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the total number of vacancies existing in all three wings of defence forces, category-wise;
- (c) the details of recruitment done along with the total number of youths recruited in the defence forces during the last five years, year-wise, State/UT-wise and post-wise; and
- (d) the efforts being made by the Government to fill up the vacant posts and encourage youths to join the defence forces?

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MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(SHRI AJAY BHATT)

(a) & (b): The number of posts lying vacant in the Armed Forces are as under:-
Indian Army:-

Category	Vacancies
Officers	7308
MNS Officers	471
JCOs/OR	108685

Indian Navy:-

Category	Vacancies (as on 31 st May, 2022)
Officers (excluding Medical and Dental)	1446
Sailors	12151

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Indian Air Force:-

Category	Vacancies
Officers	572
Airmen	5217

(c): Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(d): The Government has taken a number of measures to reduce the shortages. These, inter-alia, include sustained image projection, participation in career fairs and exhibitions and publicity campaigning to create awareness among the youth on the advantages of taking up a challenging and satisfying career. Further, the Government has taken various steps to make the job in the Armed Forces attractive including improvement in promotion prospects in the Armed Forces and to fill up vacancies.
