

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) to (d) Information is being collected from different agencies.

Shortage of officers/personnel in armed forces

‡4542. SHRI KAPTAN SINGH SOLANKI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a huge shortage of officers/ personnel in the armed forces;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this can cause an adverse effect on the working of the armed forces;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether any action plan has been formulated to fill this gap?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) and (b) Details of the shortage of the officers/ personnel in the Armed Forces are as under:

Army (as on date)		Navy (as on 31.12.2012)		Air Force	
Officers	PBORs	Officers	Sailors	Officers (as on 1.5.2013)	Airmen (as on 1.4.2013)
9590	26433	2054	14512	742	4948

(c) and (d) The needs of security are being met by the optimum utilisation of the available strength by prioritisation of activities, use of technology and reliance on the high motivation of the personnel.

(e) Government has taken a number of measures to encourage youth to join the Armed Forces, including conduct of recruitment rallies, media campaign etc. Further, Government has taken various steps to make armed forces jobs attractive for youngsters. These include implementation of the recommendations of the VI Central Pay Commission with improved pay structure, additional family accommodation through Married Accommodation Project (MAP) and improvement in promotion prospects in the Armed Forces.

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