

(d) whether Pakistani troops have also been caught in these encounters and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) and (b) The details of attempted infiltrations into J&K are as under:

Year	No. of attempted infiltrations
2012	264
2013	277

(c) In 2013, 65 terrorists were killed in J&K in encounters with the Indian Army.

(d) No Pakistani soldier was apprehended on the LoC in 2013. However, on 14th February 2013, one Pakistan Army soldier was killed while intruding across the LoC in the Naushera sector.

Promotion policy for women officers

1577. SHRI RAGHUNANDAN SHARMA:

SHRI SHADI LAL BATRA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the service-wise details of the extant promotion policy for women officers in the armed forces;

(b) whether different criteria are followed for granting promotions to women and men officers in the armed forces, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the corrective steps taken / proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) and (b) **Army:** Women Short Service Commissioned Officers (SSCOs) of all Arms/services are eligible for substantive promotion to non select ranks of Captain, Major and Lieutenant Colonel on completion of 2, 6 and 13 years of reckonable commissioned service respectively, at par with Men SSCO's. However, old term optee Women SSCO's and Men SSCO's are governed by different terms and conditions. Based on their respective terms and conditions, old term optee Women SSCO's are eligible for substantive rank of Captain on completion of five year of service, while old term optee Men SSCO's are eligible for promotion to quasi-substantive rank of Captain on completion of nine years of service.

Presently, Permanent Commission is applicable to women officers from Army Education Corps and Judge Advocate General Branch. These women officers are being considered for promotion to the select rank, based on the same criteria as applicable to Male officers.

Navy: In the Indian Navy, officers are eligible for substantive promotion to the rank of Lieutenant, Lieutenant Commander, Commander and Captain (Time Scale) after completion of 2 years as Sub Lieutenant, 4 years from the date of promotion of Substantive Lieutenant, 11 years from the date of promotion of Substantive Lieutenant and 26 years of reckonable commissioned service respectively. Promotions on these lines are subject to officers fulfilling other criteria as per extant rules. This policy is equally applicable to both men and women officers.

Air Force: In the Air Force, officers are eligible for substantive promotion to the rank of Flit. Lieutenant, Squadron Leader, Wing Commander and Group Captain (Time Scale) after completion of 2 years, 6 years, 13 years and 26 years of reckonable commissioned service respectively. Promotion on these lines are subject to officers fulfilling other criteria as per extant rules. This policy is equally applicable to both men and women officers.

(c) Does not arise.

Maintenance of Tanakpur-Tawaghat motorway

†1578. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that the only connecting motorway to the bordering district Pithouragarh, Tanakpur-Tawaghat motorway is very crucial from defence point of view;

(b) if so, the details of the officials responsible for showing slackness in the maintenance of the above mentioned motorway; and

(c) the year-wise details of the funds allocated under various heads for the maintenance of Tanakpur-Tawaghat motorway from the year 1963 to 2012?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY):(a) to (c) The road Tanakpur-Tawaghat is of significant importance for connectivity in the region. Available details of year-wise allotment of funds for maintenance of this road sector are as follows:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.