

1	2	3	4	5	6
Scientist 'F'	3	2 2*	1 1*	3*	3*
Scientist 'G'	1*	-	1*	-	1*
Scientist 'H'/OS	-	-	-	1*	-
DS	-	1*	-	-	-
TOTAL:	68	68	89	71	62

*Data for Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS).

The reasons for their leaving the Organisation are personal and/or for pursuing higher studies.

Procurement of modern weapons

†1589. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has procured modern arms to secure the country from foreign forces;

(b) if so, whether they are adequate and the budget allocated for them is sufficient; and

(c) if not, whether Government is hesitating to procure new arms due to the seems in defence sector?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) to (c) Modernisation of Defence Forces is an ongoing process. Procurement of equipment and ammunition is carried out on a continuous basis as per the Annual Acquisition Plan (AAP), which in turn is part of the Services Capital Acquisition Plan (SCAP) of five years. The procurement process aims at keeping the Defence Forces in a state of readiness and remaining equipped with modern weapon systems. For this, adequate budgetary allocations are being made by the Government. Allocated budget is optimally utilized to meet the needs of the armed forces.

Supply of NVDs by BEL

1590. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.