

Procurement of ammunition is undertaken on the basis of a Long Term Integrated Perspective Plan (LTIPP) (15 years), Service Capital Acquisition Plan (SCAP) (5 years) and the Annual Acquisition Plan (AAP) (two years).

(c) Details of the shortage of the officers (excluding medical and dental branch) in the Armed Forces are as under:

Army (As on 1.7.2014)	Navy (As on 1.11.2014)	Air Force (As on 1.11.2014)
7989	1499	357

(d) and (e) Government has taken a number of measures to encourage the youth to join Armed Forces to meet the shortages, including sustained image projection and publicity campaign to create awareness among the youth on the advantages of taking up a challenging and satisfying career. Further, Government has taken various steps to make Armed Forces jobs attractive. These include implementation of the recommendation 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.

#### **Royalties from sale of patriotic song**

1757. SHRI AVINASH PANDE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of money received by Government till date in royalties from sales of the song 'Ae mere watan ke logon', which were donated by Rastra Kavi Pradeep to the Ministry of Defence for disbursal through the War Widows Welfare Fund;

(b) the status of disbursal of and the manner in which the said amount has been utilised by Government for the benefit and welfare of war widows; and

(c) the number of persons who have been benefited from the utilisation of these funds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (RAO INDERJIT SINGH): (a) Ministry of Defence has not received any royalties for the song 'Ae mere watan ke logon' from Rastra Kavi Pradeep and no money has been received in this Ministry on account of royalties from the sale of the song.

(b) and (c) In view of (a) above, the questions do not arise.