

- (ii) To act as the Principal Military Advisor to Hon'ble Raksha Mantri on all Tri-Service matters.
- (iii) To function as the Permanent Chairman of the Chiefs of Staff Committee.
- (iv) To administer the Tri-Service organizations/agencies/commands.
- (v) To be a member of Defence Acquisition Council chaired by Hon'ble Raksha Mantri.
- (vi) To function as the Military Advisor to the Nuclear Command Authority.
- (vii) To bring about jointness in operation, logistics, transport, training, support services, communications, repairs and maintenance, etc. of the three Services.
- (viii) To ensure optimal utilisation of infrastructure and rationalise it through jointness among the services.
- (ix) To implement Five-Year Defence Capital Acquisition Plan and Two-Year roll-on Annual Acquisition Plans, as a follow up of Integrated Capability Development Plan.
- (x) To assign inter-services prioritisation to capital acquisition proposals based on the anticipated budget.
- (xi) To bring about reforms in the functioning of three Services with the aim to augment combat capabilities of the Armed Forces by reducing wasteful expenditure.

(c) The CDS will be appointed by the Government of India from among the serving officers of the three Services holding the three or four-star General or equivalent, if necessary, through deep selection.

Republic day tableaux

36. SHRI VAIKO:

DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Republic Day tableaux of certain States were rejected for the Republic Day Parade, 2020;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the details thereof;

(c) the criteria for selecting the tableaux for the occasion; and

(d) the details of State tableaux rejected, in the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) to (d) There is a well established system for selection of tableaux for participation in the Republic Day Parade as per which Ministry of Defence invites proposals for tableaux from all States/UTs and Central Ministries/Departments. The tableaux proposals received from various States/UTs and Central Ministries/Departments are evaluated in a series of meetings of the Expert Committee comprising of eminent persons in the field of art, culture, painting, sculpture, music, architecture, choreography etc. The Expert Committee examines the proposals on the basis of theme, concept, design and its visual impact before making its recommendations. Due to time allotted for tableaux in the overall duration of the parade, shortlisting of tableaux is done by the Expert Committee.

Vacancies in the defence sector

37. SHRI MANAS RANJAN BHUNIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are a large number of vacancies in the Ministry including employment of the soldiers in the Artillery, Navy and Air Force in different streams;

(b) if so, the numbers of vacancies in each stream; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to fulfil the vacancies to strengthen the defence forces?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) Total number of vacant posts in the Ministry of Defence is as under:-

Civilian Personnel

Group-A	Group-B	Others
3782	34289	201669