

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.652**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26th July, 2021

**VACCANCIES IN THE ARMED FORCES**

652 SHRI NEERAJ DANGI:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of posts for commissioned and non-commissioned staff lying vacant in the Armed Forces;
- (b) the efforts being made by Government to fill up the vacancies;
- (c) the steps being taken by Government to encourage youth to join the Armed Forces; and
- (d) the details of youth who have joined the Armed Forces, from various States, during last three years, State-wise and year-wise?

**ANSWER**  
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
SHRI AJAY BHATT

(a) The number of posts lying vacant in the Armed forces are as follows:

Service	Vacant		
	Officers	MNS	JCOs/ORs/Airmen/Sailors
Indian Army	7912	-	90640
Indian Air Force	610	-	7104
Indian Navy	1190	-	11927
Med & Dental Br	444	693	1206

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(b) & (c): The Government has taken a number of measures to reduce the shortages. These, inter-alia, include sustained image projection, participation in career fairs and exhibitions and publicity campaign to create awareness among the youth on the advantages of taking up a challenging and satisfying career.

To encourage the youth to join the Armed Forces, motivational lectures are regularly organized in schools/ colleges/other educational institutes and National Cadet Corps (NCC) camps

Further, the Government has taken various steps to make the job in the Armed Forces attractive including improvement in promotion prospects in the Armed Forces and to fill up vacancies.

(d) The state-wise strength of JCOs/ORs in Army, Airmen in Air Force (including Nepal) and Sailors in Navy is at Annexure.

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**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (d) OF RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 652 FOR ANSWER ON 26.07.2021 REGARDING  
'VACCANCIES IN THE ARMED FORCES'.**

State/ Union Territory	Indian Army			Indian Air Force			Indian Navy		
	No. of JCOs/ORs			No. of Airmen			No of Sailors		
	2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020
Andaman & Nicobar	36	13	22	0	0	0	0	0	0
Andhra Pradesh	2139	2714	2399	113	50	30	329	336	14
Arunachal Pradesh	254	167	63	23	3	0	0	2	0
Assam	1104	752	1086	57	60	32	14	24	53
Bihar	4223	2402	3405	150	530	670	463	460	156
Chhattisgarh	793	715	591	109	76	105	16	39	39
Delhi	213	256	230	41	67	67	83	81	42
Goa	26	13	6	0	0	27	8	4	3
Gujarat	2176	980	1490	19	94	8	62	104	95
Haryana	4994	3859	3825	859	1501	1719	637	659	404
Himachal Pradesh	3266	3309	3571	38	19	19	57	50	20
J & K and Ladakh	3466	1562	2834	17	17	14	59	51	27
Jharkhand	1519	1285	755	85	41	285	133	124	51
Karnataka	1730	1738	2852	37	91	254	72	91	157
Kerala	2210	1203	1847	279	14	11	210	247	171
Lakshadweep	7	14	6	2	0	0	3	0	0
Madhya Pradesh	3238	2009	1951	104	274	258	423	329	92
Maharashtra	4356	4238	3941	101	178	187	395	520	264
Manipur	477	382	568	22	55	25	9	13	7
Meghalaya	94	126	68	0	3	2	3	3	4

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Mizoram	242	58	288	2	0	2	2	1	0
Nagaland	166	92	56	1	1	0	2	1	0
Odisha	1251	586	1113	95	79	170	225	207	55
Punjab	7079	5117	5821	69	78	100	115	133	66
Chandigarh	63	71	24	2	0	2			
Rajasthan	5617	5569	4868	1466	1426	1879	974	955	248
Sikkim	231	23	194	3	0	5	2	2	1
Tamil Nadu	3404	2363	2050	221	66	2	21	72	100
Puducherry	5	13	7	4	0	0			
Telangana	1311	1252	1639	11	25	26	62	105	107
Tripura	47	633	37	6	2	0	3	4	1
Uttar Pradesh	7600	8098	7162	2635	2188	2345	1284	1140	449
Uttarakhand	3482	3494	2805	54	96	83	54	65	22
West Bengal	2497	1906	2707	237	187	96	165	246	124
Nepal	-	-	-	0	1	0	-	-	-

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