

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 533
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12th December, 2022
VACANCIES IN INDIAN ARMED FORCES

533 SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the number of vacancies in the Indian Armed Forces at all levels of service;
- (b) the number of vacancies filled in the last five years, year-wise;
- (c) whether Government has initiated the process of regular recruitment for filling vacancies in the army;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

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MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(SHRI AJAY BHATT)

(a): The details of number of vacancies of Officers and Junior Commissioned Officers (JCOs)/ Other Ranks (OR)/ Sailors/ Airmen/ NCs(E) in Indian Armed Forces are as under:-

Armed Force	Category	Vacancies
Indian Army	Officers	7,903
	MNS Officers	511
	JCOs/OR	1,18,485
Indian Navy	Officers (excluding Medical & Dental branch)	1,447
	Sailors	11,587
Indian Air Force	Officers (excluding Medical & Dental branch)	761
	Airmen/ NCs (E)	5,819

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(b): The details of vacancies filled in the last five years are as under:-

Army

(i) Officers

Year	Commissioned officers
2018	1,334
2019	1,240
2020	1,280
2021	1,065
2022	1,309

(ii) JCOs/OR

Year	Intake
2017-18	50026
2018-19	53431
2019-20	80572
2020-21	12091*
2021-22	#

* The recruitment process could not be completed due to Covid-19 pandemic.

The recruitment for all the Services has commenced under the Agnipath scheme. 40,000 vacancies have been released for Army, 3,000 for Navy and 3,000 for Indian Air Force in 2022.

Navy

Year	Numbers Inducted/Recruited	
	Officers (excluding Medical & Dental)	Sailors
2017	448	5,720
2018	356	5,885
2019	415	6,068
2020	377	2,772
2021	323	5,547

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Air Force

(i) Officers

Year	No of officers commissioned (excluding medical and dental branch)
2017	297
2018	304
2019	326
2020	261
2021	467
2022 (As on 01 December,2022)	333

(ii) Airmen & NCs(E)

Year	Enrolment Data	
	Airmen	NCs (E)
2017	6,227	512
2018	6,862	482
2019	7,222	910
2020	8,423	605
2021	4,609	423

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d): (i) Recruitment of Officers in Indian Army is a continuous process and has kept pace with the required intake.

(ii) Process of Recruitment of jawans in Army as Agniveers has commenced with effect from year 2022. 40,000 vacancies have been released for Army for year 2022 under the Agnipath Scheme.

(e): Does not arise in view of reply given at part (d) above.
