

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1247
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RECRUITMENT OF SC(S)/ST(S) IN ARMY
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any special action plan is proposed to be formulated to provide recruitment opportunities in Army to the youths of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Castes dominated rural areas of Madhya Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons for discrimination in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) There are no fixed vacancies for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Castes in the Army. Recruitment in the Army is open to all castes, classes and communities and equal opportunity is provided to all eligible citizens. Recruitments are carried out through open recruitment rallies where everyone is given a fair chance.