

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1484
ANSWERED ON:09.12.2004
REVISION OF RECRUITMENT GUIDELINES .
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the Irregularities being committed at various recruitment centers in recruitment of army personnel;
- (b) if so, the measures being adopted to check them;
- (c) if not, whether the Government propose to find out facts;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government propose to take any steps to bring more transparency in army-recruitment procedure;
- (f) if so, the details thereof;
- (g) whether the Government has any plan to revise the recruitment guidelines to increase the number of personnel for Army & Navy in Defence Services; and
- (h) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) to (h): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (h) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1484 FOR 9.12.2004

There was a report in the media about some touts being active in Delhi area during the recent recruitment rally. It was alleged that they were issuing forged domicile, caste and character certificates for recruitment. The touts were operating away from the recruitment area in Delhi Cantonment and were apprehended by the Police and the police have instituted criminal cases against the persons arrested. The activities of such touts and miscreants are out side the control of the recruiting organization and necessary liaison is maintained by the Army with the civil administration to prevent recurrence of such events. Close vigil is nonetheless maintained by the Army to prevent such incidents.

The recruitment in the Army is carried out through the Open Rally System effective from 1st April, 1998. The Open Rally System has been introduced with the aim of making recruitment more transparent, accessible to the public and to eliminate malpractices of touts and agents. The complete recruitment process of screening, document check, medical investigation, physical eligibility and written test, is carried out at the rally site itself. Coding and evaluation of answer books, decoding and preparation of results is undertaken by different Board of Officers with independent members as observers from field formations, to ensure neutrality and impartiality.

The present system of recruitment is simple, candidate friendly and transparent and has proved to be satisfactory. A large number of candidates are applying to join the armed forces, hence, at present, there is no plan to revise the recruitment guidelines.