

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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SPECIAL RECRUITMENT DRIVE

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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether it is a fact that less number of people are joining the defence forces now-a-days;
- (b) if so, the percentage of decrease in number of applicants in the last year in comparison to the previous years;
- (c) whether the Government is considering any special recruitment drive to encourage and attract more people to join defence forces;  
and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) & (d): Every eligible citizen of the country irrespective of caste, class, religion, community and domicile is eligible for recruitment into the armed forces, provided he/she meets the laid down age, educational, physical, medical standards and other criteria.