

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4897
ANSWERED ON:26.04.2010
RESTRUCTURING OF OFFICERS' CADRE IN DEFENCE SERVICES
Nahata Smt. P. Jaya Prada

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of recommendations made by Ajay Vikram Singh Committee on restructuring of officers' cadre in armed forces;
- (b) whether the Government has implemented the said recommendations for all the three services including Navy;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether an officer is promoted to the post of Colonel in fifteen and a half years while in Navy it takes nineteen years to reach the equivalent rank; and
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (e): A Statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4897 FOR ANSWER ON 26.4.2010

The Ajay Vikram Singh Committee made recommendations encompassing a wide spectrum of service related issues to address the twin aspects of reducing the high age profile and improving cadre mobility of officers. Based on the recommendations of the Committee, a number of measures have been implemented for the three Services with some variations to meet service specific requirements. These include time based promotion upto the rank of Lieutenant Colonel; introduction of Colonel (Time Scale) rank; upgradation of 750 posts of Lieutenant Colonel to Colonel; upgradation of 1896 posts in the ranks of Colonel, Brigadier, Major General and Lieutenant General and their equivalents in Navy and Air Force.

Government letter has been issued for reducing the minimum qualifying service for substantive promotion to the rank of Colonel and their equivalents in the other two Services to 15 years of reckonable commissioned service. The service specific requirements of the Navy are at variance with the other two Services, with respect to period of service for promotion to Captain. This is in keeping with the operational and functional requirements.