

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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SHORTAGE OF MEDICAL STAFF
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is shortage of medical and para medical staff in the defence services;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the intake of medical undergraduates at Armed Forces Medical Colleges (AFMC), Pune and whether this figure can accommodate the requirements of the defence services;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to open more Armed Forces Medical Colleges in the country;
- (e) if so, the locations identified for the purpose and timeframe for setting up of such institutions; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b): There is no significant deficiency in the Armed Forces Medical Services (AFMS).At present the authorized and held strength of AFMS are as under:

Services Authorized Held Deficiency

Army Medical Corps 6237 5849 388

Army Dental Corps 612 546 66

Military Nursing 3878 3319 559

Services

Army Medical Corps 52265 49477 2788
Personnel Below
Officers Rank

The existing deficiency in AFMS is due to retirement, release, resignation, death of officers and recent authorization of extra manpower to AFMS.

(c) to (f): The annual intake of medical undergraduates at Armed Forces Medical College (AFMC) Pune is 135. The annual requirement of AFMS is about 225-250 and is met from AFMC as well as civil medical colleges. As such, there is no proposal to open more Armed Forces Medical Colleges.