

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3666
ANSWERED ON:16.08.2010
RECRUITMENT IN DEFENCE FORCES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the recruitment made for all the three wings of the defence forces from various States including Maharashtra, particularly from the tribal areas during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether the total number of recruits from Maharashtra, particularly from the tribal areas of the State is less as compared to other States of the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof including the number of recruits from the tribal areas during the last three years;
- (d) the number of recruitment centres, location-wise;
- (e) the details of the centres in the tribal areas which made recruitments during the last three years and the current year; and
- (f) the details of the tribal places where the recruitments are proposed to be made during the current financial year?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3666 FOR ANSWER ON 16.08.2010.

The recruitment in the Armed Forces is based on merit and is equally open to every citizen of the country without discrimination irrespective of caste, creed, tribe or religion, provided the candidate meets the laid down age, physical, medical and educational criteria. Recruitment of officers in the Armed Forces is on All India basis and therefore, State-wise data is not maintained. The number of officers recruited in Army, Navy and Air Force during last three years is at Appendix-I. The number of personnel Below Officers Rank (PBOR) recruited during the said period is at Appendix-II.

In Army, recruitment of PBOR is carried out as per vacancies allotted to a State based on its Recruitable Male Population. Recruitment into Navy is carried out on All India basis on State wise merit of eligible recruitable male population, as per the number of vacancies available. In Air Force, recruitment of PBOR is carried out on All India merit basis. As such, recruitments made in different States cannot be compared with one another. Recruitment of youth, including from tribal areas across the country, is an ongoing process. The recruitment data for a particular region, religion, tribe, caste or creed is not maintained.

Location-wise lists of recruitment centres for Army, Navy and Air Force are at Appendix-III, IV & V respectively.

Recruitment to the Defence Forces is an ongoing process and is carried out through the recruitment centres on a regular basis.