

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:228

ANSWERED ON:20.07.2009

RECRUITMENT TO ARMED FORCES FROM TRIBAL AREAS

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to launch special recruitment drive for youths in tribal specific areas for various posts in the armed forces;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of such drives launched during the last three years;
- (d) the number of tribal youths recruited in the drives during the above period;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to open new recruitment centres in various parts of the country, including the tribal areas of Orissa and Gujarat; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (f): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 228 FOR ANSWER ON 20.7.2009

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. Officers in the Armed Forces are selected primarily through All India open competition. Personnel Below Officer Ranks (PBORs) are recruited through recruitment rallies held in different parts of the country in case of Army. In Navy, recruitment of PBOR is application based through recruitment tests. In Air Force, recruitment of PBOR is through selection tests on all India basis. Recruitment rallies are also conducted in some areas.

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.

There is presently no proposal to open new Recruitment Centres.