

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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NEW REGIMENT IN ARMY

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to raise new regiments including a Tribal regiment in the Indian Army;
- (b) if so, whether this move will create more employment opportunities for the tribals;
- (c) whether relaxation in respect of age, physical standard and education would be made application to the tribals in order to recruit more and more of them; and
- (d) if so, the manner in which the Government will implement tribal recruitment in the army?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

- (a) & (b): The policy of the Government is not to raise any new regiment on the basis of a particular class, creed, community, religion or region, but to have an Army in which all Indians have representation.
- (c) Relaxation is already available to the candidates from Scheduled Tribes in respect of Physical and Educational criteria.
- (d) Recruitment rallies are carried out all over the country including tribal areas to give ample opportunity for recruitment to tribal candidates.