

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:451
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RECRUITMENT IN ARMED FORCES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the recruitment centres set up in the country at present, location-wise and the proposals, if any, to open more such centres in different areas of the country;
- (b) the details of recruitment made from various States including the rural/backward/tribal areas in the armed forces during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to recruit people from the rural/backward/tribal areas of various States especially Uttar Pradesh and Gujarat during the current financial year;
- (d) whether under the existing proportionate recruitment policy of considering Recruitable Male Population (RMP) of a State, there is provision of recruiting people from other States if the vacancies for a State are not filled up and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government has received representations from various hilly States including Himachal Pradesh regarding amendment of the said recruitment policy thereby giving preference to recruitment from such States in view of the capabilities of the local youths in the hilly/difficult terrains; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER 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. 451 FOR ANSWER ON 5.9.2011

- (a) The details of recruitment centres for Other Ranks are enclosed as Annexure-I. There is no proposal presently to open new recruitment centres.
- (b) The details of recruitment of Other Ranks made from various States/Union Territories are enclosed as Annexure-II.
- (c) & (d): The details of Other Ranks are as under:-

ARMY:

Aspirants from each district in the country including those from rural/backward and tribal areas, of various states are given an opportunity for recruitment in an open rally at least once in a year. The allotment of vacancies to each State is based on its Recruitable Male Population (RMP) factor and the specific vacancies existing in the Army, in each category/trade of soldiers. States are fully utilizing the Soldier (General Duty) vacancies being allotted to them and these are not being transferred to other States. However, certain States are not able to fill up vacancies allotted especially in the Clerks, Soldier (Technical) and Nursing Assistant categories and hence as a special case, these are utilised, by candidates from other States.

NAVY:

Recruitment into the Navy is carried out on; "All India basis on state-wise merit of the eligible Recruitable Male Population", as per the number of vacancies available. There is a provision of recruiting people from other States if the vacancies for a State are not filled up. In such a case, candidates from other States are recruited based on their relative merit.

AIR FORCE:

Adequate opportunities are given to all candidates for recruitment on an all India basis and the candidates are enrolled as per their merit in All India Select List. To maintain healthy demographic balance, recruitment rallies are conducted in order to give opportunities to the youth hailing from remote/ low response/borders/insurgency affected or hilly districts and island territories of the country.

(e) & (f): Reference from some States have been received in the past for change in the recruitment policy. However, presently there is no proposal to change it.