

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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SHORTAGE OF MANPOWER IN ARMED FORCES

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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there is a shortage of manpower in the armed forces in various ranks;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, Service-wise and Rank-wise;
- (c) whether it is affecting the efficiency of the armed forces;
- (d) if so, whether the Government proposes to fill up the vacant posts of officers and other ranks in the armed forces and if so, the details thereof, Service-wise;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to recruit thousands of soldiers in the army for deployment on border and if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) whether the Government proposes to formulate any scheme to attract youths to join armed forces and if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

- (a) to (f): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.