

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PROMOTION OF YOUTHS TO JOIN FORCES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is huge shortage of manpower in the three Services of the armed forces;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, Service-wise;
- (c) whether the youths of the country are not interested in joining the forces and if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether there is lack of awareness among them about recruitment in the forces;
- (e) if so, whether the Government proposes to launch a massive awareness drive to promote youth to join the armed forces; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b): The details of shortage of manpower in the three Services of the Armed Forces are as follows:

Army Navy Air Force

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(c) to (f): Government has taken a number of measures to encourage the youth to join the Armed Forces, including conduct of Recruitment Rallies, Media Campaigns, etc. The number of youth aspiring to join the Armed Forces has shown an increasing trend over the last few years.