

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6189  
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DECREASE IN NUMBER OF APPLICANTS  
Ananth Kumar Shri

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

- (a) whether there has been decreased in the number of applicants aspiring to enter the defence forces at the officers' level over the years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years;
- (c) the action taken by the Government to attract more applicants to the armed forces; and
- (d) the number of students from Sainik Schools recruited in the armed forces during the last three years, year-wise?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

- (a) No, Madam.
- (b) Question does not arise.
- (c) Government has taken a number of measures to encourage the youth to join the Armed Forces, including conduct of recruitment rallies and media campaigns.
- (d) Such data is not maintained.