

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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WOMEN OFFICERS IN ARMY
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the rank provided to women officers in the Indian Army after having served for 14 years vis-a-vis male officers;
- (b) the reasons for different yardsticks in ranking officers according to their gender in violation of principles of equality; and
- (c) the action being taken by the Government to correct the situation?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) Women are inducted as Short Service Commissioned Officers (SSCOs) in Indian Army. All officers including SSCO's, irrespective of gender, are eligible to hold substantive rank of Lieutenant Colonel after completion of 13 years of reckonable commissioned service after adjustment of seniority, as applicable.

(b) & (c) Does not arise.