

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:317  
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RECRUITMENT IN ARMY  
Singh Shri Jitender

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

- (a) whether the recruitment of Personnel Below Officers Rank in the Army is done on the basis of recruitable male population of a particular State;
- (b) if so, whether this policy has an adverse impact on the availability of competent personnel in the Army;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the said policy provides equal opportunity to the candidates from other States who are more suitable for recruitment in the Army; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

- (a) Yes, Madam.
- (b) No, Madam.
- (c) Does not arise.
- (d) & (e) The existing system is fair and provides equal opportunity to eligible candidates from all States.