

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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CAREER IN ARMED FORCES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether career in the armed forces is no longer the preferred choice of young men now;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is considering to take steps to make armed forces job as an attractive job for the youngsters; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (d): The number of youth aspiring to join the Armed Forces has shown an increasing trend over the last few years. Government has taken a number of measures to encourage the youth to join the Armed Forces, including conduct of Recruitment Rallies, Media Campaigns, etc. Further, Government has taken various steps to make armed forces jobs attractive for youngsters. These include implementation of the recommendations of the VI Central Pay Commission with improved pay structure, additional family accommodation through Married Accommodation Project (MAP) and improvement in promotion prospects in the Armed Forces.