

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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DOCTORS IN ARMED FORCES MEDICAL SERVICE

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of posts of doctors sanctioned in Armed Forces Medical Service and the number of doctors at present;
- (b) whether the shortage of doctors is having adverse impact on the health services to defence personnel; and
- (c) if so, the details of steps taken / proposed to be taken by the Government to address the aforesaid problem?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

- (a) The status of doctors in AFMS as on January, 2013 is as under:-

Authorised		Held	
Medical Officers	Dental Officers	Medical Officers	Dental Officers
6124	651	5783	587

- (b) No, Madam. Although there is some deficiency of Medical and Dental officers in Armed Forces Medical Services, the availability of Medical and Dental officers is so maintained as to not compromise with the health of defence services personnel.

- (c) Does not arise.