

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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QUALITY OF MEDICAL SERVICES IN ARMED FORCES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether quality of medical services in the armed forces is deteriorating fast;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the attrition level of specialists is at an all time high and the trained doctors are leaving services even after paying Rs.15 lakhs as bond money; and
- (d) if so, the corrective steps taken by the Government to retain specialist doctors in the Armed Forces?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

- (a) No, Madam.
- (b) In view of (a), question does not arise.
- (c) & (d): No, Madam. The attrition level of specialists and trained doctors is showing a declining trend. For retaining specialists doctors, additional marks are awarded for professional qualifications while considering them for promotions by the concerned Promotion Boards. In addition they are retained in speciality related appointments as far as possible. For retaining trained doctors, opportunities for doing Post Graduation are provided. Opportunities are also provided to Short Service Commissioned Officers for doing Post Graduation courses.