

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3258
ANSWERED ON:18.03.2013
SINGLE CLASS REGIMENTS IN ARMED FORCES
Owaisi Shri Asaduddin

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been a long demand for single class regiments in the Indian Armed forces;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (c) the steps taken / being taken by the Government to include all the castes and religion in the armed forces whose representation is less?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (c):A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3258 FOR ANSWER ON 18.03.2013

(a) to (c):Recruitment in the Armed Forces is open to all citizens who meet the laid down eligibility criteria, irrespective of class and religion.

Requests have been received from time to time to raise class based regiments in case of Army. However, the policy of the Government is not to raise any regiment on the basis of any particular class, creed, community, region or religion but to have an Army in which all Indians have representation.

The existing system of recruitment in the Armed Forces provides equitable opportunity to all eligible citizens across the country.