

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RESEARCHERS IN DEFENCE SECTOR
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a shortage of researchers in defence sector in the country;
- (b) if so, whether the Government proposes to take any concrete and effective steps to meet this shortage; and
- (c) if so, the time by which the said step is likely to be taken and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b): No, Madam. There is no acute shortage of researchers in defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), which is an R&D Wing of Ministry of Defence. However, as on 31st December 2012, a total of 217 posts of scientists were vacant in DRDO. Process of filling up of these vacancies has already been started by recruitments through Direct Advertisement, Campus Recruitments from IITs, IISc & NITs, Registration of Students with Scholastic Aptitude (ROSSA) Scheme, Non Resident Indians (NRIs) Scheme, Lateral Entry, etc.

(c) Recruitment of scientists in DRDO is an ongoing process.