

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1703
ANSWERED ON:30.11.2009
RECRUITMENT IN ARMY
Vardhan Shri Harsh

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of soldiers in the Indian Army, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to launch any special scheme to recruit soldiers from the States having lesser representation in the army in proportion to their population; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

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. 1703 FOR ANSWER ON 30.11.2009

The strength of soldiers in the Indian Army is maintained at required levels which is appropriate to the defence needs of the country. Efforts are made to give appropriate representation to all the states of the country.

Recruitment is an ongoing process and measures are taken from time to time to give proper representation in recruitment to all states of the country. These include

- (i) media campaigns;
- (ii) conduct of motivational and general awareness lectures in local Schools and colleges;
- (iii) reaching out in remote areas to attract the youth by conducting mini rallies;
- (iv) conduct of additional rallies; and
- (v) advertisements through articles in Text Books and Note Books.