

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:163

ANSWERED ON:05.08.2013

SHORTAGE OF DEFENCE PERSONNEL

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a shortage of defence personnel both at Officers and Other Ranks level in the armed forces including the Indian Coast Guard;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, Service-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has launched any special drive to recruit youths in the armed forces;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken / proposed to be taken by the Government to make the armed force services more attractive for youths?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 163 FOR ANSWER ON 5.8.2013

(a) & (b): Details of the shortage of the manpower in the Armed Forces, service-wise are as under:

Army	Navy	Coast Guard	Air Force
(as on	(as on	(as on	
30.6.2013)	30.7.2013)	1.7.2013)	

Offi PBORs	Offi Sailors	Offi Enrolled	Offic Airmen
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(as on (as on

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(c) to (e): Government has taken a number of measures to encourage the youth to join the Armed Forces, including conduct of recruitment rallies, media campaign etc. Further, Government has taken various steps to make armed forces jobs attractive for youngsters. These include implementation of the recommendations of the VI Central Pay Commission with improved pay structure, additional family accommodation through Married Accommodation Project (MAP) and improvement in promotion prospects in the Armed Forces.