

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the condition of medical services in the armed forces is deteriorating fast;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the specialist doctors are leaving the Armed Forces Medical Services (AFMS) prematurely;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government has formulated any policy to check the premature retirement of the specialist doctors from AFMS; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) No, Madam.

(b) In view of (a), question does not arise.

(c) & (d): Some specialist doctors leave Armed Forces Medical Services (AFMS) prematurely. However, the attrition level of specialist doctors is showing a declining trend from 2010 onwards. The attrition level of specialists and super specialists in AFMS which was 2.9% in 2010 declined to 1.8% in 2011 and 1.7% in 2012.

(e) & (f): For retaining specialist doctors additional marks are awarded for professional qualifications while considering them for promotions by the concerned Promotion Boards. In addition they are retained in specialty related appointments as far as possible. Specialist officers trained in Armed Forces Medical Services undertake to serve for a period of 10 years after post graduation. Opportunities are provided to specialist officers to train further in super specialities / allied specialities which act as an incentive for young specialists to continue to serve with the organization.