

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3074

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SHORTAGE OF MANPOWER IN ARMED FORCES

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is an acute shortage of officers and other soldiers in the armed forces;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, Service-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any study to assess reasons for the shortage of manpower in the armed forces;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken / proposed to be taken by the Government to encourage youth of the country to join armed forces?

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. 3074 FOR ANSWER ON 10.2.2014

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

Army	Navy(as on 30.6.2013)	Air Force(as on 1.7.2013)			
Officers	PBORs	Officers Sailors	Officer	Airmen(as on 1.1.2013)	(as on 1.4.2013)
9590	22841	1999	13373	83	3625

(c) & (d): Some of the major reasons for vacancies in Armed Forces include accretion in force level from time to time, availability of multiple and lucrative alternative career avenues with the growth of nation's economy, stringent selection criteria and difficult service conditions coupled with perceived high degree of risk.

(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.