

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:881

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RECRUITMENT OF WOMEN OFFICERS

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Armed Forces is grappling with shortages in the `fighting ranks` of its official cadre;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the corrective measures taken by the Government thereon;
- (c) whether the strength of women officers in various branches of the Armed Forces is still very less, if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to increase the strength of women officers in various Branches of the Armed Forces and place them at par with their male counterparts by making them eligible for permanent commission; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

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