

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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RECRUITMENT IN ARMED FORCES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any proposal to introduce reservation for Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes / Other Backward Classes for recruitment in the armed force is under consideration of the Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

(a) to (c): There is no proposal under consideration of the Government to introduce reservation for Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes / Other Backward Classes for recruitment in the armed forces. Recruitment in the armed forces is based on merit and is open to all citizens irrespective of class, caste, community, region or religion. Nature of operational and administrative challenges under which the armed forces function precludes reservation for recruitment in the armed forces.