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CANTEEN FACILITIES TO CIVIL SWITCH BOARD OPERATORS

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of Civil Switch Board Operators (CSBOs) in the army, navy and air force, separately;
- (b) whether these CSBOs also enjoy the armed forces canteen facilities during their service and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the reasons for denying canteen facilities post-retirement to these CSBOs which is a small span of their life despite availing the canteen facilities during their whole career of 30-40 years of services;
- (d) the corrective measure taken / proposed to be taken by the Government to extend the canteen facilities to them post-retirement; and
- (e) the time of which post-retirement canteen facilities are likely to be extended to these CSBOs?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

(a) The total number of authorised Switch Board Operators (CSBOs) are as below:-

Army : 1170
Navy : 308
Air Force : 123

(b) to (e): All Civilian employees working under Ministry of Defence are allowed to avail Canteen facilities till their retirement. However, this facility has not been extended to Defence civilian employees including CSBOs post retirement due to constraints of budget, manpower, infrastructure etc., of Canteen Stores Department (CSD). Recently Services have been asked to review the provision of CSD facilities to retired civilian employees.