

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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Vacant Posts in Defence Forces

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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether various posts of officers and soldiers in combat and non-combat category in all the three wings of the Defence Forces are lying vacant;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, service, category and rank-wise along with the reasons therefor and the steps taken / being taken for filling up these vacancies at the earliest;
- (c) the number of officers who have taken voluntary retirement from the Defence Forces during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (d) whether the Defence Forces are equipped with sufficient arms, ammunition and other latest military equipment for meeting any eventuality, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the other steps taken / being taken by the Government for strengthening and monitoring the preparedness of the Defence Forces of the country?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

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

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