

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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Recruitment of Gorkha Youth
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the recruitment of Gorkha youth in India's defence forces has declined;
- (b) whether any proposal to consider Gorkha community certificate issued by the Assam Gorkha Sammelan for recruitment in defence forces;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

(a) There is no decline in the recruitment of Gorkha youth in the Indian Army. Indian Navy (IN) and Indian Air Force (IAF) do not hold separate data relating to recruitment of Gorkha youth.

(b) to (d): Indian Army does not require community certificate by 'Assam Gorkha Sammelan' and certificate signed by village Sarpanch meets the requirement of enrolment in Gorkha Units. In the case of IAF, Gorkhas (a subject of Nepal) are eligible for recruitment if they meet laid down eligibility criteria. Further, recruitment in IAF is open to all eligible citizens without any discrimination on the basis of caste, creed, religion, region or community. In the case of Indian Navy, Gorkhas who are citizens of India do not require any certificate of eligibility for recruitment in the Navy. Further, Gorkha subjects of Nepal also do not require a certificate of eligibility.
