

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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INCREASE IN NUMBER OF SOLDIERS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to increase number of soldiers in view of the security threats posed by the neighbouring countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps being taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

(a) to (c): Military capacity enhancement of armed forces is a continuous process, which takes into account the existing and emerging challenges / threats. Accordingly, accretion of manpower is approved from time to time to maintain requisite force levels and operational preparedness of the armed forces.