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Title : Need for relaxation of conditions for recruitment of Armed Forces in the State of Himachal Pradesh.

SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH (MANDI): Mr. Chairman, Sir, during the break in the Parliament, I had an opportunity to inaugurate the recruitment rally being undertaken by the Army Recruitment Office, Mandi in my Constituency. A large number of youth came forward for this recruitment rally. Himachal Pradesh is known for brave, industrious and loyal people. Many soldiers laid their lives during the wars or in insurgency operations. I have come to know that a number of vacancies have been apportioned to the State as per the recruitable male population ratio (RMP). It has also come to my notice that there are certain States, where these vacancies in the Armed Forces as per quota of RMP remain unfilled.

I would, therefore, request the hon. Defence Minister to ensure that the conditions of RMP is relaxed for the State of Himachal Pradesh as a matter of policy, and more vacancies should be allocated keeping in view the diligent, brave and loyal trait of people; and till the policy is finalised, the unfilled vacancies of other States are transferred to Himachal Pradesh.