

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.840**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 6<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 2021

**RECRUITMENT OF OFFICERS**

840 SHRI REWATI RAMAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that no recruitment of officers and soldiers has been done in Indian Army/Armed Forces during the last year;
- (b) if so, whether our Government plans to conduct immediate fresh recruitment in Indian Army/Armed forces in view of the nature of our neighbouring countries at present;
- (c) whether Government has constituted any Committee to look into the shortage of officers and soldiers in Indian Army/Armed forces; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**  
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
SHRI AJAY BHATT

- (a) No, Sir. Selection of Officers continues under COVID protocols and has not been suspended for the Indian Army, Indian Navy and Indian Air Force. 47 recruitment rallies have been conducted by Army during recruitment year 2020-21. The IN has undertaken one batch recruitment of sailors in recruitment year 2020-21. The IAF has undertaken recruitment of airmen in recruitment year 2020-21.
- (b) No, Sir. Recruitment is undertaken based on the planned requirement of manpower for the Armed Forces. Some recruitment rallies were suspended temporarily due to COVID-19.
- (c) & (d): No, Sir.

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