

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3148**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09<sup>th</sup> August, 2024

**REGIMENTS ON CASTE BASIS**

3148 SHRI ZIA UR REHMAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the regiments in Indian armed forces have been formed on the basis of caste;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has any plan to form a regiment for the Muslim community; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

A N S W E R

MINISTER OF STATE  
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(SHRI SANJAY SETH)

(a) to (d): No, Sir, As per Government policy on the subject, all citizens irrespective of their class, creed, region or religion are eligible for enrollment in the Indian Army. After Independence, it has been the policy of the Government not to raise any new Regiment for a particular Class/ Community/ Religion or Region. Adequate vacancies are being provided to all Classes, States and Regions to ensure equitable opportunity for recruitment in the Indian Army.

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