

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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SHORTAGE OF ENGINEERS IN IAF  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there is shortage of engineers and aeronautic experts in the Indian Air Force;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government propose to take special steps to meet the said shortage; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAM RAJU)

(a) to (d): While there is an overall shortage of engineers and aeronautical engineers in the Indian Air Force, the combat units are being manned almost at 100% level by making some internal adjustments.

Sustained publicity efforts are on to attract talented youth to the IAF. Schools and Colleges are visited regularly to generate interest. A website is also operative on the internet to provide career information.