

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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SHORTAGE OF TECHNICAL MANPOWER IN ARMY
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is an acute shortage of technical manpower in the Armed Forces;
- (b) if so, the details thereof in each of the three services and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to fill up the vacancies;
- (d) whether the Government propose to encourage the talented youths for recruitment in the armed forces; and
- (e) if so, the details of the action plan chalked out therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) & (b) : The current shortage of technical manpower in the Armed Forces is as follows :

Officer	PBOR	
Army	27 - 30 %	Nil
Navy	20 %	19 %
Air Force	6 %	Nil

This is mainly due to the job opportunities available to technically qualified personnel in the private sector.

(c) to (e) : Various steps have been initiated to improve the position. Image Projection Campaign has been launched for technical graduates; Campus Interview Teams visit Technical Institutions to motivate the students; discussion and seminars are held in Technical Institutions to generate awareness about the career prospects of Technical Services in the Armed Forces and a new 10 + 2 technical stream entry has been introduced since July, 1999.