

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1844
ANSWERED ON:03.08.2000
CAREER PROSPECTS OF DEFENCE PERSONNEL
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to the prevailing poor service conditions and other facilities available to Indian Armed Forces, bright young men are not coming in more number to join the Forces keeping in view the wider opportunities available in the private sector due to globalisation of economy;

(b) if so, whether any task force has been appointed by the Government to study the matter in depth and to evaluate further the pay-scales, facilities and other opportunities to the bright young men and women to attract them to Indian Armed Forces, particularly in the Commissioned ranks to strengthen position of our Armed Forces; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (c) : A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1844 FOR 3.8.2000

There is no shortfall in the intake of Personnel Below Officer Rank (PBORs) in the Armed Forces. Some shortfall has been there in the officers' cadre mainly in the Army. However, with the launching of the Image Projection Campaign since September 1997, and due to improved pay scales and allowances with the implementation of the Fifth Pay Commission's recommendations and other promotional measures, the response has improved considerably. The intake of the training academies of the Army has registered a definite upward trend and the training courses are now fully subscribed except in certain technical streams.