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RE- STRUCTURING OF OFFICERS' CADRE
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to non-upgradation of ranks, lack of adequate promotional avenues and restricted career progression has led to decline in interest and motivation among youth towards Defence services; and

(b) if so, the measures taken to re-structure officers' cadre to make Defence services more attractive?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) With economic progress and opening up of new avenues of employment, there are various easier options available to the youth, other than employment in the Defence services. Defence services are also receiving increasing competition from the corporate world due to higher remuneration and easier working conditions offered by them.

(b) Orders relating to Non-Select Ranks and restructuring of the officers cadre of the Armed Forces have been issued:

(i) Grant of substantive ranks to Captain & equivalent at 2 years, Major & equivalent at 6 years and Lieutenant Colonel & equivalent at 13 years of service.

(ii) Grant of rank of Colonel (Time Scale) & equivalent on completion of 26 years of service.

(iii) Upgradation of 750 posts of Lieutenant Colonels.