

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:731
ANSWERED ON:23.02.2006
COMMISSIONED RANK TO MILITARY NURSING SERVICE
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Commissioned Rank given to nurses of Indian Military Nursing Service are being withdrawn by the Government;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the present grade and status of nurses working in the Indian Military Nursing Service;
- (d) whether the Government has received representations to uphold the Commissioned Rank; and
- (e) if so, the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 731 FOR ANSWER ON 23.2.2006

The Military Nursing Service (MNS) is a cadre comprising of female nurses, who are employed under the provisions of the Indian Military Nursing Service Ordinance 1943. As per Section 5 of the said Ordinance all members of the Indian Military Nursing Service shall be of commissioned rank and appointed as officers of the Indian Military Nursing Service by the Central Government by notification in the Official Gazette and they continue to be so appointed. The Military Nursing Service has the following ranks and pay scales:

Rank Pay Scale
(Rs.)

Lieutenant	8000-300-9500
Captain	9400-300-12100
Major	11200-300-14800
Lieutenant Colonel	12800-300-15200
Colonel	13400-300-15500
Brigadier	14700-300-16200
Major General	16400-400-20000

A Committee was constituted by the Chief of the Army Staff (COAS) to examine the grievances of the Military Nursing Service (MNS) officers. The Committee included the senior most officer of the MNS cadre. The Committee in its report submitted to the COAS in July 2005, has made recommendations for improving the organizational structure and cadre management of MNS including redesignation of the MNS rank structure. The Government has received various representations to uphold the commissioned rank alongwith other grievances of Military Nursing Service officers. The Government has sought the views of the COAS.