

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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ARMY RECRUITMENT BOARDS CENTRES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the Army Recruitment Boards/Centres functioning in the country at present;
- (b) the criteria for establishing an Army Recruitment Centre in a State/Union Territory;
- (c) whether the Government has received proposals/requests for opening of Army Recruitment Centres in States/Union Territories particularly, Jharkhand;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State/Union Territory-wise; and
- (e) the action taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 390 FOR ANSWER ON 11.5.2006

Recruitment of Commissioned Officers in the Armed Forces is done mainly through All India Competitive Examinations conducted by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) followed by physical examination and interviews conducted by the Services Selection Board (SSB).

For the other ranks in the Army, there are 11 Zonal Recruiting Offices (ZROs), 59 Branch Recruiting Offices (BROs), 2 Gorkha Recruiting Depots (GRDs) and 1 Independent Recruiting Office (IRO) located at different places in the country for recruitment.

Establishing Branch Recruiting Office (BRO) is considered after taking into account the total strength of Recruitable Male Population (RMP), proximity to the district/state administration, availability of infrastructure, etc.

Since January 2005, the Government has received requests for opening of Army Recruitment Centres (ARCs) in the states of Haryana, Jharkhand, Punjab, Rajasthan, Orissa, Sikkim and Uttaranchal. As per the existing policy, location of a Branch Recruiting Office is not important since recruitment in the Army is carried out through open rallies held in district headquarters. The recruitment for All India All Class vacancies is done in proportion to the population of the state. Efforts are made so that each district of the country is covered by recruitment rallies at least once in a recruitment year. However, in exceptional cases, opening of new BRO is considered to maximize the recruitment from low response and backward regions subject to availability of administrative and logistic facilities and financial viability.