

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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WOMEN IN ARMED FORCES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the percentage of women employees in each wing of armed forces;
- (b) whether there is any proposal to increase the number of women in the armed forces; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) The percentage of women officers in Armed Forces is as follows:

Army	Air Force	Navy
2.44%	6.7%	3%

excluding Army Medical Corps, Army Dental Corps and Military Nursing Service.

(b) & (c): Presently women officers are inducted in the Armed Forces keeping in view the specific requirement of each Service. Induction of women officers is an ongoing process and, based on requirements, the strength is increased.