

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the percentage of women officers in each wing of the Armed Forces;
- (b) whether the women officers in Armed Forces are being discriminated against men officers in service conditions;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government has taken any steps to look into all these matters; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

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. 62 FOR ANSWER ON 27.7.2006

The percentage of women officers in the Defence Forces is as follows:

Army	Navy	Air Force	Army Military	Army
Medical	Nursing	Dental		
Corps	Service	Corps		

2.56% 2.86% 5.42% 13.58% 100% 18.92%

The service conditions of women officers in the Defence Forces are governed by the laid down instructions. In the Medical, Nursing and Dental Services of the Defence Forces, women are appointed both as Short Service Commission (SSC) and Permanent Commission (PC) officers. In these Services, SSC women officers are also eligible to get PC. The women officers are also appointed as Short Service Commission officers in some select branches in the three Defence Forces as per respective schemes applicable. Pay scale of an officer is decided based on substantive rank held. Short Service Commission women officers do not get a lower scale of pay compared to similarly placed Short Service Commission men officers.

As per a recent decision of the Government, women officers in Short Service Commission in the three Defence Services will get Captain, Major and Lt. Colonel (and equivalents in the Air Force and Navy) scale after 2, 6 and 13 years of reckonable service respectively.

The issue regarding grant of Permanent Commission to women officers in the three Services is being examined by the Chiefs of Staff Committee.