

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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SEXUAL HARASSMENT OF WOMEN IN ARMED FORCES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether women officers in Armed Forces are facing insecurity from sexual harassment by their superior officers;
- (b) if so, the number of cases reported during each of the last three years;
- (c) whether the Government is taking any special measures for protection of women officers in Armed Forces; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. However, the number of such isolated cases reported during last three years is given below:

2003 2004 2005 2006
(till date)

Army Nil 03 01 02
Navy Nil Nil Nil Nil
Air Force Nil Nil 02 Nil
Medical, Dental Nil Nil Nil Nil
and Nursing
services

(c) & (d): The Defence forces take appropriate measures for the safety and security of its personnel including women. Any instance of sexual harassment of women officers is viewed seriously and dealt with in accordance with relevant provisions of respective Services Acts.