

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1321  
ANSWERED ON:03.08.2006  
WOMEN DOCTORS IN ARMED FORCES  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of women doctors appointed in the Armed Forces during each of the last three years, force-wise;
- (b) the present percentage of women doctors in the Armed Forces, force-wise;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to appoint more women doctors in the Armed Forces; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1321 FOR ANSWER ON 3.8.2006

The number of women doctors appointed in the Armed Forces during the last three years is as under:

Year    Army    Navy    Air Force

Lady Lady    Lady Lady    Lady    Lady  
Medical Dental    Medical Dental    Medical Dental  
Officers Officers    Officers Officers    Officers Officers

2003    44 13    8 Nil    4 Nil  
2004    33 3    2 Nil    4 Nil  
2005    41 3    11 Nil    8 Nil

The percentage of women doctors against the held strength, force-wise, is as under:

Lady Medical    Lady Dental  
Officers Officers

Army    12.58%    18.82%  
Navy    15.14%    16.00%  
Air Force    19.19%    22.58%

Lady Medical Officers in the Armed Forces Medical Services are being recruited, based on service requirement, through the prescribed procedure, on a regular basis.