

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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JOINING OF ARMED FORCES BY FOREIGN NATIONALS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether it has come to the notice of the Government that the Bangladeshi and Pakistani nationals are trying to join the Indian Armed Forces by using fake documents at recruitment centres;
- (b) If so, the number of such incidents came to the notice of the Government in the recent past ;
- (c) The number of persons arrested and the action taken against them; and
- (d) The steps taken by the Government to check recruitment of foreign nationals in the Armed Forces ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) No, Sir.

(b)&(c) : Does not arise.

(d) Stringent verification measures are in force to scrutinize the domicile/nationality, age and educational qualification etc. of all candidates appearing for recruitment in the Armed Forces. Due care is being exercised by the Recruitment Officers/Centres to follow these measures. Further, character and antecedents of the recruits are verified through the respective police/Intelligence authorities.