

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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RECRUITMENT OF FOREIGN NATIONALS IN DEFENCE FORCES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some foreign nationals have been recruited in the defence forces in the recent past;
- (b) if so, the facts and details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to re-check the antecedents of new recruits in defence forces; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The recruitment to the Defence Forces is open to eligible Indian nationals and subjects of certain countries like Nepal and Bhutan. Recruitment to Defence Forces has been done according to extant recruitment policy.

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