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RECRUITMENT OF WOMEN OFFICERS IN ARMED FORCES

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The Government has approved induction of women as officers in the 'non-combatant' branches of the Armed Forces. The recruitment of women as officers is made in the following branches of the Army, the Navy and the Air Force.

Army : Artillery, Engineers, Signals, Army Service Corps, Army Ordnance Corps, EME, Army Education Corps, Intelligence and the Judge Advocate General Branch.

Navy : Education Logistics, Law, Air Traffic Control.

Air Force : Flying, Aeronautical Engineering (Electronics), Aeronautical Engineering (Mechanical), Administration, Logistics, Accounts, Education, Meteorology.

The induction of women is restricted to the officers cadre on short service commissioned basis initially for a period of five years, except in the technical branch of Air Force, where it is for a period of three years.

The number of women officers so far commissioned in the above branches of the Army, the Navy and the Air Force are 124, 35 and 116 respectively. The number of women officers undergoing training in the Army, the Navy and the Air Force are 24, 14 and 36 respectively.

This information was given by the Minister of State for Defence, Shri Mallikarjun in a written reply to a question from Shri Ram Pujan Patel in Lok Sabha today.

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