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GENDER-SPECIFIC ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA IN DEFENCE

The induction/recruitment in Indian Armed Forces is based on manpower requirements planned and projected from time to time. Vacancies for various streams are determined based on envisaged role, operational capabilities and in accordance with extant policy and regulations.

The number of individuals enrolled through the instant enrolment process during the last three years is given below:

S No	Year	Veer Naris/Widows inducted in SSC(NT)/SSC(T) Course	Wards of Battle Casualties inducted in NCC Spl Entry (Men & Women)
a)	2021	02	03
b)	2022	02	01
c)	2023	02	06

This information was given by Raksha Rajya Mantri Shri Ajay Bhatt in a written reply to Shri Saptagiri Sankar Ulaka in the Lok Sabha today.

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RESCUE OPERATIONS BY ARMED FORCES

Rescue operations carried out by various wings of the Indian Armed Forces both domestic and abroad this year are given below:

Service	Domestic	Abroad	Remarks
Indian Army	18	02	Humanitarian Assistance, Disaster Relief and Medical Assistance.
Indian Navy	46	139	
Indian Air Force	09	04	

An Engineer Column of one Officer, four Junior Commissioned Officers and 44 Other Ranks was deployed to conduct rescue operation for 41 workers trapped in a tunnel in Uttarakhand. The Indian Army acted upon the requisition received from civil administration, Uttarakhand.

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DARE TO DREAM SCHEME

The details of the applications received under the Dare to Dream (D2D) contests during the last three years are enumerated below:

S No	Dare to Dream (D2D) Contest	Year of Contest	No. of Application received
1.	Dare to Dream-1	2019	3080
2.	Dare to Dream-2	2020	1750
3.	Dare to Dream-3	2021	819
4.	Dare to Dream-4	2023	792

Dare to Dream (D2D) 1.0 (2019), D2D 2.0 (2020) and D2D 3.0 (2021) have been successfully conducted, wherein, more than 5,600 applications were received and out of which 86 technologies/ideas have been recognized and Rs. 3.97 Crore worth of prize Money has been awarded to the individual innovators and start-ups. DRDO also supports best awarded ideas to realize them into prototype through Technology Development Fund (TDF) scheme. A total of eight projects at a cost of Rs 6.93 crore have been awarded under TDF scheme to Dare to Dream winners of Start-up category.

The individual innovators (Indian Citizen above 18 years age) and Start-ups (Registered with Department for Promotion of Industry & Internal Trade and with Indian founder) are eligible to participate in the D2D contest. The entries/applications received under the D2D contest are evaluated by a two-stage process:

- Screened by Domain Expert Committee headed by Director General (Concerned Technical Cluster).
- Shortlisted and Ranked by Independent Expert Committee. The selection criteria includes, Novelty, Applicability, Implementability, Technical Merit and Maturity.

D2D winners are awarded with cash prize money in the Individual and start-up categories. The winners are also encouraged and further considered for funding for the realisation of Prototypes under TDF scheme of Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO), Ministry of Defence on merit and feasibility basis.

This information was given by Raksha Rajya Mantri Shri Ajay Bhatt in a written reply to Shri GM Siddeshwar and Shrimati Poonam Mahajan in the Lok Sabha today.

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EMPLOYMENT SEMINAR/JOB FAIR FOR EX-SERVICEMEN

The Directorate General of Resettlement (DGR) has conducted a Job Fair at Dundahera Military Station, Gurugram on November 23, 2023 with the aim and objective of Outreach to generate more job opportunities for ex-servicemen. A total of 33 Companies participated in the Job Fair and 1,326 job opportunities were offered to ex-servicemen by the participating companies.

A total of 1,139 ex-servicemen have been shortlisted for various jobs by companies for further interviews and document verification as per company selection process. Seven more DGR Employment Seminars/Job Fairs are proposed for the Financial Year 2023-24 pan India at Chandigarh, Vishakhapatnam, Alwar, Pune, Mumbai, Indore and Lucknow.

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