



Complaints of Harassment and Discrimination Filed by Women Officers

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The number of women officers in the three Armed Forces, and Armed Forces Medical officers (including Dental) and Nursing, are given separately, as under:-

Army (as on 1.1.2017)	Navy (as on 16.3.2017)	Air Force (as on 10.3.2017)	Medical including Dental (as on 1.2.2017)	Nursing (as on 1.2.2017)
1528	469	1581	1288	4094

Details of number of complaints of harassment and discrimination received from women officers of the above services are as under:-

Army	Navy	Air Force	Medical & Nursing
06 (2014 - Nil) (2015 - 02) (2016 - 04)	03 (last 8 years)	02 (2016 - 01) (2017 - 01)	01 (2016)

In 2011, the Government approved consideration of women Short Service Commission Officers (SSCOs) for grant of permanent commission alongwith men SSCOs in specific branches in the three services viz. Judge Advocate General (JAG), and Army Education Corps (AEC) of the Army and their corresponding branches in Navy and Air Force; Naval Constructor in Navy and Accounts Branch in Air Force.

In March 2016, approval has been accorded for induction of women Short Service Commission (SSC) officers as Pilots in Maritime Reconnaissance (MR) stream and in the Naval Armament Inspectorate (NAI) cadre. The inductions are planned commencing from mid 2017.

The IAF has revised Short Service Commission (SSC) scheme to induct women into the fighter stream on an experimental basis for a period of five years. The first batch of three women officers were commissioned into the fighter stream on June 18, 2016.

This information was given by Minister of State for Defence Dr. Subhash Bhamre in a written reply to Shrimati Jharna Das Baidya in Rajya Sabha today.

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