



REQUEST FOR EXPEDITIOUS RECRUITMENT OF ALL PENDING POSTS ACROSS INDIAN SECURITY FORCES

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To,
 The Hon'ble Members,
 Committee of Defence,
 Parliament House,
 Sansad Marg,
 New Delhi – 110001.

Greetings Sir & Madam,

*Subject: Pahalgam Terror Attack – Intelligence & Security Lapses – Vacancies
 In the Indian Army – Need for speedy recruitment – Complete Preparedness
 for potential multi-front wars in the near future*

As we stand with the families and loved ones of the departed souls who succumbed to the deadly and cowardly terrorist attack in Pahalgam day before yesterday by the Islamic Terrorists, we need to gather courage and conviction to identify the lapses related to intelligence, threat perception and security assurance related to our own defense personnel, its administration and our government.

The initial questions from the victims (and the public) are about the absence of security personnel in the Baisaran valley (the ground zero of incident) of Pahalgam. On **12th April 2025**, multiple media reports underscored the intelligence reports on certain potential terrorist attacks targeting civilians. If these intelligence reports are true, then, the negligence of our own security forces in providing necessary security cover to our tourists in our own prominent tourist destination calls for a deeper probe from the Hon'ble Defence Committee.

On **5th August 2022**, the then **Union Minister of State for Defence, Shri Ajay Bhatt** in his answer to the **unstarred question no. 3439** (asked by the then **Hon'ble Ex-MP Shri Deepak Baij**) in Lok Sabha stated that **there is a shortfall of 1,08,685 jawans in the Indian Army** (please refer to the attached document). The Hon'ble Minister of State for Defence, in the same reply, assured that all backlog posts will be filled in the coming years. No official public information on the current vacancies and the status of recruitment are available in the public domain.

In a **media debate on a prominent news channel** following day before yesterday's terrorist attack, **Dr. G.D. Bakshi – Retired Major General (Indian Army)** mentioned about **1,80,000 vacancies in the Indian Army** thereby **severely compromising the operational efficiency of our armed forces** in providing sound security cover in sensitive areas. Even if these figures are exaggerated, the underlying



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logic is sound. Any such vacancies in the Indian Army undermine the morale of security forces and the consciousness of our sovereign nation whenever we fail to protect our own citizens.

Hence, I humbly request you and all the Hon'ble Committee Members to work with the Union Ministry of Defence and all the other stakeholders to prioritize the following –

1. Assess the current recruitment processes, targets, vacancies in the Indian Army and all other defence, security and intelligence forces.
2. Finalize the number of defence personnel required and adjust the vacancies based on varied threat perceptions particularly considering the rapidly evolving socio-economic and political landscapes both nationally and internationally.
3. Expeditious recruitment and filling-up of all these vacancies immediately within the next six months to one year.

As you are aware, our nation should be prepared for a multi-front war with different enemies who are determined to inflict all sorts of threats and injuries to our people and challenge our sovereignty in both the present and future.



Yours sincerely,

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