

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE  
**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1864**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2018

**PROMOTION IN THE ARMED FORCES**

1864. SHRI HARIOM SINGH RATHORE:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE j{k k ea=h  
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether promotion policy for the officers of three wings of armed forces is uniform and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) if not, the parameters for promotion in each service; and
- (c) whether the policy is approved by the Government, if so, the extent to which the Government is satisfied with its fairness;

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(a) Promotion policies of Army, Navy and Air Force are structured to meet the operational and administrative requirements of the respective Services, thus some variations exist in the same.

(b) Promotion policies for select ranks for Indian Army officers are vacancy based and follow the principle of seniority and merit.

The parameters for substantive promotion in Indian Air Force (IAF) for officers other than Medical / Dental branches are stipulated in Air Force Instructions (AFI).

Promotions in Indian Navy are made based on the following broad parameters:

- (i) Length of service.
- (ii) Qualification in professional examination.
- (iii) Mandatory Sea Time (Sea-going Branches / Cadres)
- (iv) Medical standard and Vigilance clearance.
- (v) Performance reflected in the Confidential Reports.

(c) Promotion policies are promulgated after due approval by the Government.

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