

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1032
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24TH JULY, 2026

PENDENCY AND VACANCIES IN THE ARMED FORCES TRIBUNAL (AFT)

1032. SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that more than 35,000 cases are pending before the Armed Forces Tribunal (AFT);
- (b) if so, the details thereof, along with the number of cases pending before the principal and regional benches of the AFT;
- (c) the duration of pendency of such cases; and
- (d) the current strength and vacancies of members and staff in the principal and regional benches of the AFT?

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MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(SHRI SANJAY SETH)

- (a) to (c) No Sir.
- (d) Bench-wise details of current strength and vacancies of the Members and staff are annexed.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1032 TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.07.2026 REGARDING “PENDENCY AND VACANCIES IN THE ARMED FORCES TRIBUNAL”

Benches	Members		Staff	
	Current Strength	Vacant	Current Strength	Vacant
Principal Bench, New Delhi	6	0	65	38
Chandigarh	5	1	63	26
Lucknow	4	2	57	31
Mumbai	2	0	33	12
Kochi	1	1	35	15
Chennai	1	1	24	15
Jaipur	2	0	25	16
Srinagar (Functioning at Jammu)	0	2	14	04
Jabalpur	0	2	14	03
Guwahati	0	2	12	22
Kolkata	1	1	17	23
