PIQ preparation checklist

The Personal Information Questionnaire (PIQ) is filled at the Selection Board and is the starting point for the personal interview. Everything you write can be asked about. Prepare it carefully and truthfully.

Before you go

- Dates and marks of Class 10, Class 12 and graduation, with institution names and places.
- Your family: parents' and siblings' occupations and education.
- Hobbies and interests you genuinely pursue, and what you have done in them.
- Sports and games: level played, positions and achievements.
- NCC, NSS, scouting or other activities, with certificates and dates.
- Responsibilities held: monitor, captain, club secretary, event organiser.
- Previous SSB attempts, if any: dates, centres and outcome.
- Why you want to join the service and the branch you have chosen.

While filling it

- Write legibly and do not leave required fields blank.
- Be consistent with your application form and documents.
- Do not exaggerate; the interviewer will ask for detail.

After filling it

- Read it again the evening before the interview.
- For each entry, be ready to say what you learnt from it.

Practice material prepared for aspirants. The procedure and timings at your Selection Board are set by the board itself and your call-up letter.