

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO.361

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 11TH AUGUST, 2017

SAINIK SCHOOLS AND RASHTRIYA MILITARY SCHOOLS

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SHRI GODSE HEMANT TUKARAM:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE जेके एच
be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the scheme to establish Sainik Schools and Rashtriya Military Schools in the country including the aims and objectives thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has any proposal to establish Sainik Schools in all the States and provide certain percentage of defence budget for this purpose, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the number of proposals for establishment of Sainik Schools from various States / UTs pending at present, State / UT wise including Maharashtra;
- (d) whether the Government has assessed the performance / utility of these schools, if so, the details and the outcome thereof along with the shortcomings noticed and the steps taken to address these shortcomings; and
- (e) whether the formation of Army Units is still in the name of castes and races even after seven decades of independence of the country, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the steps taken by the Government to address regional imbalances in the officer cadre of defence services?

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MINISTER OF DEFENCE

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(SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

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(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 361 FOR ANSWER ON 11.8.2017

(a) Sainik Schools were introduced in 1961 with the primary aim of preparing boys academically, physically and mentally for entry into the National Defence Academy. The objectives behind opening of Sainik Schools are:-

- (i) To remove regional imbalance in the officer cadre of the defence services.
- (ii) To develop qualities of body, mind and character which will enable the young boys of today to become good and useful citizens of tomorrow.
- (iii) To bring public school education within the reach of the common man

Rashtriya Military Schools were set up to impart quality education and to prepare the cadets to join the Defence Services.

(b) There are 26 number of Sainik Schools covering 22 States. The remaining 7 states have been requested to indicate their requirement for establishment of Sainik School in their States. Allocation made for Sainik Schools from the budget is as follows:-

Financial Year	Sainik Schools (Rs. in Crores)
2013-14	69.30
2014-15	74.84
2015-16	74.84
2016-17	81.38
2017-18	80.00

(c) At present 21 proposals for establishing Sainik Schools from various States/UTs including Sainik School at Chandrapur in Maharashtra are as detailed out at Annexure.

(d) Review of performance of these Schools is an ongoing process which is done by Director General Military Training in case of Rashtriya Military Schools and by two Inspecting Officers, Sainik Schools Society in case of Sainik Schools by way of inspections. The performance of these

schools are monitored on different parameters like Class X and XII results, number of cadets selected in NDA and training of faculty members. Towards improving performance and addressing shortcomings, there are in-service training programmes for teachers, workshops/conferences for Principals and other administrative staff, special coaching for NDA entrance examination, etc.

Sainik Schools and Rashtriya Military Schools have proven their utility by providing a large number of cadets joining the National Defence Academy. The year wise number and percentage of cadets sent to National Defence Academy from Sainik Schools and Rashtriya Military Schools for last three years is as follows:-

Year	Sainik Schools		Rashtriya Military Schools	
	Number of cadets sent to NDA	Percentage	Number of cadets sent to NDA	Percentage
2014	129	21 %	22	3.58%
2015	144	23.92%	23	3.82%
2016	159	29.33%	31	5.71%

(e) There have been no new Regiments raised since Independence. However, the Sub unit/units which are raised as part of existing Regiments are as per the existing nomenclature and numerical seniority of the units in that Regiment. As per Government policy on the subject, all citizens irrespective of their class, creed, region or religion are eligible for enrolment in the Indian Army. After Independence, it has been the policy of the Government of India not to raise any new Regiment for a particular class/community/religion or region. Presently, adequate and equitable opportunities are being provided to all citizens for recruitment into the Army.

ANNEXURE REFERRED IN THE REPLY GIVEN IN THE STATEMENT IN PART (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 361 FOR ANSWER ON 11.8.2017

PROPOSALS FOR OPENING OF NEW SAINIK SCHOOLS

S. No.	State	District
1.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	North Andaman
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	Niglok Village District East Siang
3.	Assam	Golaghat
4.	Haryana	Jhajjar
5.	Jharkhand	Godda/Gumla/Dumka
6.	M.P.	Muraina
7.	M.P.	Sagar
8.	Maharashtra	Chandrapur
9.	Odisha	Sambalpur
10.	Punjab	Gurdaspur
11.	Rajasthan	Alwar
12.	Rajasthan	Jhunjhunu
13.	Sikkim	West Sikkim
14.	Telangana	Warangal
15.	Tripura	West Tripura
16.	Uttar Pradesh	Jhansi
17.	Uttar Pradesh	Mainpuri
18.	Uttar Pradesh	Amethi
19.	Uttar Pradesh	Bagpat
20.	Uttarakhand	Rudraprayag
21.	West Bengal	Darjeeling
