GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.6206
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 4TH APRIL, 2018

SAINIK SCHOOLS

6206. SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH CHANDEL:
SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA:

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

(a)   whether there is no Sainik school for girls and if so, the reasons therefor;

(b)   whether the Ministry is planning to open Sainik schools for boys and girls in various parts of the country;

(c)   whether Mahoba in Uttar Pradesh has been considered for setting up of Sainik Schools;

(d)   if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e)   the steps taken by the Government to remove regional imbalance in the officer cadre of Defence services by bringing public schools / education within the reach of common man?

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MINISTER OF DEFENCE   (SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)
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(a)   Admission of girl children has been approved in respect of Sainik School, Chhingchhip, Mizoram from academic session 2018-19 on a pilot basis.

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(b)   At present there are 26 Sainik Schools covering 22 States. As per procedure, Sainik Schools are opened on the specific requests received from respective State Governments. Out of the remaining 7 States, five States namely Arunachal Pradesh, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh, Tripura and Sikkim have requested for establishing Sainik Schools in their States.

(c) & (d):   Ministry of Defence has already accorded 'in-principle' approval for establishing three new Sainik Schools at Mainpuri, Amethi and Jhansi in Uttar Pradesh and hence at present it would not be possible to accede to the request for opening Sainik School at Mahoba.

(e)   Sainik Schools were introduced in 1961 with the primary aim of preparing boys academically, physically and mentally for entry into the National Defence Academy. One of the objectives behind Sainik Schools is to remove regional imbalance in the officer cadre of the defence services by opening such schools based on requests received from State Governments / UT Administration.

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