GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF DEFENCE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1382

TO BE ANSWERED ON 28th July, 2023

CADETS OF SAINIK SCHOOLS

1382. SHRI S. MUNISWAMY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any mechanism exists to uphold the academic interest of the cadets of 33 Sainik Schools as there could be more focus on extra curricular activities in these schools thereby partially depriving them of academic excellence;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to instruct the Sainik School Society for better academic career of these cadets, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government considers sops, awards, recognitions and other monetary benefits separately for the teachers of these Sainik Schools; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

<u>ANSWER</u>

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(SHRI AJAY BHATT)

- (a) & (b): The primary aim of Sainik Schools is to prepare cadets academically, physically and mentally for entry into the National Defence Academy. Various steps are in place for ensuring the academic excellence of the cadets of 33 Sainik Schools. These include conducting of interactive training & close monitoring of progress of cadets, remedial classes for slow learners, introduction of latest pedagogical practices, in service course and training for teachers, guest lectures & motivational tours for cadets etc.
- (c): Sainik Schools Society, Ministry of Defence issues guidelines to all Sainik Schools from time to time to ensure that academic excellence is achieved by each student in particular and the school in general.
- (d) & (e): The Government recognizes the role of teachers of Sainik Schools in shaping the future of the cadets. Teachers of Sainik Schools are eligible for nominations to the following awards instituted by Ministry of Education:
 - (i) National Awards to Teachers
 - (ii) Information Communication Technology Awards

Further, to ensure the motivational level of teachers, due appreciation and recognition from the Chairman, Local Board of Administration and Principal of the respective Sainik School is given to the teachers of Sainik Schools.
