

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS  
**LOK SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO.129**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2021

**TERRITORIAL ARMY**

\*129. SHRI KUMBAKUDI SUDHAKARAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering to shift the base of 122 Infantry Battalion (Territorial Army) from Kannur to Kozhikode;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor along with the timeline to execute this proposal;
- (c) whether the Government has shut down the Territorial Army (TA) canteen in Kannur;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) whether the Government has received requests/petitions seeking to re-open the TA canteen in Kannur and if so, the decision of the Government thereon?

**A N S W E R**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE

(SHRI RAJNATH SINGH)

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

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. 129 FOR ANSWER ON 10.02.2021 REGARDING  
'TERRITORIAL ARMY'.**

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The 122 Infantry Battalion (TA) MADRAS has to be shifted from Kannur to their designated location i.e. Kozhikode (Calicut) by 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2021. The permanent location of 122 Infantry Battalion (TA) is at Kozhikode and there is a need to occupy the permanent location, due to operational reasons. Further, additional space is required at Kannur for expansion of Defence Security Corps (DSC) Centre.

(c) & (d): Canteen is not shut down. It is with the battalion in the deployed area as the battalion has been embodied for the operation task due to present situation.

(e) Petitions received from Ex-servicemen of the area have been suitably replied to. There are other URCs managed by Headquarters Karnataka & Kerala Sub Area and Station Headquarter Kannur to meet the needs of ex-servicemen of the area.

TA Battalion move to Kozhikode will be better for ex-servicemen and benefit the civil population. Presently, all military establishment are concentrated at Kannur. Hence, relocation of Canteen Store Department of 122 TA Battalion will benefit Ex-servicemen residing near Kozhikode whereas the Unit Run Canteen of Defence Security Corps Centre will continue to provide support to Ex-servicemen of Kannur and nearby areas. In addition, there is Indian Naval Academy, Ezhimala which also provides support to the Ex-servicemen and the local population.

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