

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF EX-SERVICEMEN WELFARE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.267
TO BE ANSWERED ON 3rd February, 2021

SCHOLARSHIP TO WARDS OF DEFENCE PERSONNEL

267. SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWAR:

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

- (a) the total increment made in the scholarship amount given to the children of defence personnel from the National Defence Fund;
- (b) whether the Government is planning to take any such welfare initiatives for Defence personnel and for their families; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

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MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(SHRI SHRIPAD NAIK)

(a) Name of the Scheme funded out of National Defence Fund and implemented through Kendriya Sainik Board is Prime Minister's Scholarship Scheme.

- (i) Initially 4000 scholarships were awarded every year and paid @ Rs. 2250/- pm and Rs.2000/- pm to girls and boys respectively.
 - (ii) The number of scholarships have been increased to 5500 (2750 Girls+2750 Boys) from academic year 2015-16.
 - (iii) The amount of scholarship has been increased from Rs.2000/- pm to Rs.2500/- pm for boys and from Rs.2250/-pm to Rs.3000/- pm for girls with effect from academic year 2019-20.
- (b) Presently there is no such proposal under consideration.
- (c) The question does not arise.
