GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF DEFENCE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2684 TO BE ANSWERED ON 10th March, 2021

SAINIK SCHOOL AT GOPALGANJ

2684. DR. ALOK KUMAR SUMAN:

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

(a) whether the Sainik School of district Gopalganj is running in rented accomodation at Hathuwa since 2003 despite the Government building already been constructed in Sipaya (Gopalganj) and ready for running the school in its own building;

(b) if so, the reasons for not shifting of Sainik School from rented accomodation to Government building at Sipaya (Gopalganj);

(c) the details of total rent paid during the last seven years for running the Sainik School in rented accommodation;

(d) total amount spent for construction of Government building at Sipaya (Gopalganj) to run Sainik School; and

(e) the stipulated time frame for shifting the school from rented accomodation to Government building?

<u>ANSWER</u>

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHRIPAD NAIK)

(a) & (b): Sainik School Gopalganj is running in a rented accommodation at Hathwa since 2003 because the basic minimum infrastructure required to shift to its permanent location at Sipaya (Gopalganj) has not yet been constructed by the State Government of Bihar. Only the Academic Block with classrooms, Administrative Block with offices, one Cadet Hostel with a designed capacity of 230 cadets and the Cadet Mess has been built till now. Even these buildings have not been provided with the water supply, sewage system or electricity. Infrastructure for the rest

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of the approximately 220 Cadets, staff accommodation and campus roads are yet to be constructed. Hence, in its present state with only approximately 25% of the infrastructure created, it is not possible for the School to shift and function from its permanent location at Sipaya (Gopalganj).

(c) The total amount paid in the last seven years as the consolidated rent is Rs. 50,40,000.

(d) A total of Rs. 32.72 crores has been expended by the State Government of Bihar for construction of 1^{st} Phase of infrastructure at Sipaya (Gopalganj).

(e) Funds for the construction of the 2^{nd} Phase has been allotted by the State Government of Bihar to Bihar State Educational Infrastructure Corporation in February, 2021. Construction is yet to commence.
