GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF DEFENCE DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO.197 TO BE ANSWERED ON $10^{\rm th}$ DECEMBER, 2021

BIRSA MUNDA REGIMENT

*197. SHRI ASHOK MAHADEORAO NETE:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to take steps to provide employment to the tribal youth by raising 'Birsa Munda Regiment';
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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MINISTER OF DEFENCE

(SHRI RAJNATH SINGH)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 197 FOR ANSWER ON 10.12.2021 REGARDING 'BIRSA MUNDA REGIMENT'

No such proposal is under consideration. Recruitment to Indian Army is based on domicile and merit. As per the Government Policy in the subject all citizens irrespective of their class, creed, region or religion are eligible for recruitment in the Indian Army. After independence, it has been the policy of the Government of India not to raise any new Regiment for a particular class/community/religion or region. Adequate opportunities are being provided to all classes including tribal youth to ensure equitable representation in the Indian Army.
