

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 45
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04TH FEBRUARY, 2022

SCHOOLS RUN BY INDIAN ARMY IN LADAKH

*45. SHRI JAMYANG TSERING NAMGYAL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian Army runs various schools such as Army Goodwill Schools, Army Public School, Sadbhawana School, etc. in Union Territory of Ladakh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the board/authority to which such schools are affiliated;
- (c) the recruitment procedures and qualifications of the teachers and other staff employed in such schools along with facilities being provided to the students therein;
- (d) whether the Government has received any proposal/demand to open Sainik School in the Union Territory of Ladakh;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to impart school education to the children of the large number of army personnel posted in Ladakh sector?

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MINISTER OF DEFENCE

(SHRI RAJNATH SINGH)

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

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 45 FOR ANSWER ON 04.02.2022 REGARDING 'SCHOOLS
RUN BY INDIAN ARMY IN LADAKH';**

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Army Goodwill schools are affiliated with State Board of Jammu and Kashmir and authorised by Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for Operation Sadbhavana in Union Territory of Ladakh issued by Government on 08 July, 2020. Army Public School, Leh is affiliated with CBSE since 01 January, 2001.

(c) In the Army Goodwill Schools, teachers are selected by Board of Officers (BOO) of the unit / Formation in charge of the School. The qualifications of teachers are as under:-

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| (i) | Primary Teacher (PRT) | - | Graduation, NTT & B.Ed. |
| (ii) | Trained Graduate Teacher (TGT) | - | Graduation and B.Ed. |
| (iii) | Post Graduate Teacher (PGT) | - | Post-Graduation in the subject &
B. Ed. |

In the Army Public School, Leh, recruitment procedures and qualifications are carried out as per the Central Board of Secondary Education, National Council for Teacher Education and Army Welfare Education Society Rules and Regulations. All facilities as mandated to Central Board of Secondary Education affiliated schools are being provided there.

(d) & (e): Government has approved the initiative of setting up of 100 Sainik Schools in partnership with NGOs/Private Schools/ State/Union Territory Governments under the aegis of Sainik Schools Society, Ministry of Defence. Based upon the approval, applications were invited by Sainik Schools Society through web portal <https://sainikschool.ncog.gov.in>. The scheme for opening of 100 New Sainik Schools is open to all NGOs/Private Schools/ State/ Union Territory Governments. Communication was sent to government of all States/UTs, including UT of Ladakh. So far, no application has been received in regard to opening new Sainik School in the Union Territory of Ladakh under the latest initiative.

In so far as setting up of Sainik Schools under existing pattern is concerned, no formal proposal has been received. With reference to a request received from Secretary, School Education Department, UT of Ladakh in August 2020 for considering the demands of the people of Ladakh and to explore the possibility of opening up of a Sainik School in Union Territory of Ladakh, Sainik Schools Society had informed UT of Ladakh in September 2020 about the steps required to be taken for setting up of a Sainik School.

(f) Ladakh is highly active field area. Troops bring their families to the station for a short duration. However, troops of Ladakh domicile do avail facilities available at Army Goodwill Schools & Army Public School at Leh.
