

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 627
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04TH FEBRUARY, 2022

HEADQUARTER OF SOUTHERN ARMY COMMAND

627. SHRI ANUMULA REVANTH REDDY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Headquarter of Southern army Command is not located in a Southern state due to which Southern Cantonment Boards face difficulty in carrying out their day to day activity;
- (b) if so, whether there is any plan to shift the Headquarter of Southern Command to any Southern States;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has received any representation/proposal to shift Headquarter of Southern army Command from Pune to Secunderabad Cantonment which is one of the largest Cantonment situated in Southern India; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto?

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MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(SHRI AJAY BHATT)

(a) Location of various Headquarters of Army from Command to the Brigades are driven primarily by operational logic and other important aspects like availability of land to accommodate the forces, support infrastructure around the location, aspirations of the men in uniforms etc. Headquarters Southern Command is located in Pune since its operational area is in states of Rajasthan and Gujarat. However, one of its subordinate formations is located in Hyderabad-Secunderabad in Telangana State. Pune also facilitates tri-service synergy with Indian Navy Command Headquarters located at Mumbai and Indian Air Force Headquarters located at Gandhinagar.

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(b) & (c): There is no plan to relocate Headquarters Southern Command to any Southern State.

(d) & (e): Yes, Sir. A representation of the Hon'ble MP regarding "Need to shift Headquarters of Indian Army's Southern Command to Secunderabad" was received in February, 2020.
