

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 637
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04TH FEBRUARY, 2022

SAINIK SCHOOLS

637. SHRI NIHAL CHAND:

SHRI SURESH PUJARI:

SHRIMATI SARMISTHA SETHI:

SHRI DEVENDRA SINGH BHOLE:

SHRI GUMAN SINGH DAMOR:

SHRIMATI JASKAUR MEENA:

SHRI JASWANT SINGH BHABHOR:

SHRI BASANTA KUMAR PANDA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE
be pleased to state:

(a) the objectives and salient features of Sainik Schools along with the total number of Sainik Schools in the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government has identified places for opening up hundred new Sainik Schools in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise and the criteria for such identification and opening up of new schools along with the funds earmarked for the purpose;

(d) whether there is any proposal to establish Sainik Schools and Rashtriya Indian Military Colleges in various under developed tribal and educationally backward areas of the country including Bargarh and Jharsuguda of Jharkhand, Sri Ganganagar in Rajasthan, Kanpur Dehat of Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Kalahandi and Nuapada districts of Odisha and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether any communication has been sent or proposed to be sent to the State Government of Gujarat for opening up a Sainik School in tribal areas of Gujarat particularly in Dahod Constituency, if so, the details thereof?

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MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(SHRI AJAY BHATT)

(a) The objectives of Sainik Schools are:-

- i. To prepare Cadets academically, physically and “mentally” for entry into the National Defence Academy.
- ii. To remove regional imbalance in the officer cadre of the defence services.
- iii. To develop qualities of body, mind and character which will enable the young cadets of today to become good and useful citizens of tomorrow.
- iv. To bring public school education within the reach of the common man.

Salient features:-

(i) Sainik Schools, run on public school lines, offer a common curriculum and are affiliated to the Central Board of Secondary Education, New Delhi. While developing sound character, team spirit, dedication to duty, patriotic outlook and desire to serve the country with efficiency, the Sainik Schools prepare students academically for All India Secondary School Examination and All India Senior School Certificate Examination and also for the entrance examination to the National Defence Academy/Naval Academy.

(ii) The schools impart instruction in English medium although knowledge of English is not a pre-requisite for admission.

(iii) Besides academic advancement, the students are encouraged to develop their creative faculties through co-curricular activities and socially useful productive work. They are also introduced systematically to all major games and are also given NCC training.

List of Sainik Schools in the country, State/UT-wise is placed at **Annexure** .

(b) to (e): Government has approved the initiative of setting up of 100 new Sainik Schools in partnership with NGO/private schools and states to be set up under the aegis of Sainik Schools Society, Ministry of Defence. These schools will be established to develop ethos of national spirit, indomitable courage to face challenges, unflinching respect for commitment to values of the country and the society, imbibe the importance of physical fitness and to embody national pride . Based upon the approval, applications have been invited by Sainik Schools Society, Ministry of Defence through web portal <http://sainikschool.ncog.gov.in> from all willing partners. Schools will be shortlisted through a process of evaluation, subject to meeting of qualifying requirements framed for the purpose and willingness to agree to the approval by-laws and signing of the Memorandum of Agreement with the Sainik Schools Society. Government of India will provide an annual support, on Merit-Cum-Means, of up to 50% fee (subject to an upper limit of Rs 40,000/- per student per annum) for up to 50% of class strength (subject to an upper limit of 50 students per class per annum) for the approved school.

The scheme for opening of 100 New Sainik Schools is open to all Private/NGOs/State Govt Schools in all states and union territories. Communication has been sent to government of all States/UTs, including Gujarat, to sensitize and encourage any willing schools, within their jurisdictions, to apply through the web portal.

In so far as RIMC is concerned, there is no proposal under consideration of setting up another RIMC.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.637 FOR ANSWER ON 04.02.2022 REGARDING 'SAINIK SCHOOLS':

Total Number of Sainik Schools in the country, State/UT-wise

Sl. No.	State/UT	Number of existing Sainik School(s)
1.	Maharashtra	2
2.	Haryana	2
3.	Punjab	1
4.	Gujarat	1
5.	Rajasthan	2
6.	Andhra Pradesh	2
7.	Kerala	1
8.	West Bengal	1
9.	Odisha	2
10.	Tamil Nadu	1
11.	Madhya Pradesh	1
12.	Jharkhand	1
13.	Karnataka	2
14.	Assam	1
15.	Uttarakhand	1
16.	Jammu	1
17.	Manipur	1
18.	Himachal Pradesh	1
19.	Bihar	2
20.	Nagaland	1
21.	Chhattisgarh	1
22.	Mizoram	1
23.	Arunachal Pradesh	1
24.	Uttar Pradesh	3
Total		33
