

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3265**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08<sup>th</sup> AUGUST, 2025

**DEFENCE EDUCATION IN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS**

3265. SHRI VISHALDADA PRAKASHBAPU PATIL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of educational institutions in the country which offer defence education as part of their curriculum, State/UT-wise and category-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has conducted any assessments of the benefits of introducing compulsory defence education at school and university levels, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Ministry of Education along with the Ministry of Defence has evaluated the feasibility of integrating compulsory defence education into National Education Policy (NEP) framework, if so, the findings thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has data on the implementation and effectiveness of programmes like the National Cadet Corps (NCC) in fostering defence awareness and preparedness among students, if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Government is considering policy interventions to introduce compulsory defence education for students in partnerships with defence institutions or financial assistance for schools implementing such programme and if so, the details thereof?

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MINISTER OF STATE  
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(SHRI SANJAY SETH)

- (a) Under Ministry of Defence, Sainik Schools, Rashtriya Military Schools (RMSs) and Rashtriya Indian Military College (RIMC), Dehradun which aim to prepare cadets academically, physically and mentally for entry into National Defence Academy (NDA) follow the CBSE pattern of education. Details of Sainik Schools, RMSs and RIMC, State/UT-wise are given in Annexure-I and Annexure-II.
- (b) & (c) National Education Policy (NEP) which is being implemented has highlighted the importance of National Cadet Corps (NCC) and its inclusion in Secondary and Higher Secondary schools. Appropriate material highlighting the role of armed forces in national security and nation building has been added in the NCERT books.

(d) NCC programmes have been highly effective in fostering holistic development amongst youth and also in promoting character building, discipline and leadership skills. Currently, 20 lakh NCC cadets are being trained in 21819 educational institutes and training curricula include special subjects covering basic military and civil defence aspects.

(e) No such proposal is under consideration. NCC is compulsory in the schools under MoD. In addition, in line with NEP's vision, NCERT's Regional Institutes of Education (RIEs) have included NCC in both its colleges and in the Demonstration Multipurpose Schools (DMS). Further, University Grants Commission (UGC) has issued advisories to implement NCC as an elective subject for all Higher Education Institutions (HEIs).

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**ANNEXURE-I**

**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) of LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3265 TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.08.2025 REGARDING 'DEFENCE EDUCATION IN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS'**

**State/UT-wise list of functional Sainik Schools across the country**

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

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**ANNEXURE-II**

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**(i) State/UT-wise list of Rashtriya Military Schools across the country**

Sr.No.	State/UT	Number of Rashtriya Military Schools
1.	Himachal Pradesh	01
2.	Karnataka	02
3.	Rajasthan	02
Total		05

**(ii) Details of Rashtriya Indian Military College (RIMC) across the country**

Sr.No.	State/UT	Number of RIMC
1.	Uttarakhand	01
Total		01

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