GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF DEFENCE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.383 TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 12TH AUGUST, 2016

NATIONAL CADET CORPS

*383. SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR PATIL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE j{kk ea=h be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken by the Government for providing training to the National Cadet Corps (NCC) cadets and utilise them in nation building;

(b) whether the Government proposes to integrate the activities of NCC, Indian Scouts and Guides, Home Guards and Territorial Army in order to establish coordination between them for the national defence and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether suggestions have been received from various quarters to make NCC training compulsory for school / college students; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

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MINISTER OF DEFENCE

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 383 FOR ANSWER ON 12.8.2016

The charter of NCC is predominantly to build character. Though the curriculum does not include vocational or specific skill based training, the Training activities organised for NCC cadets include institutional Training, Camp Training, Adventure & Sports Activities, Social Service, Youth Exchange Programme (YEP), Grooming Youth Career Counselling and Personality Development Programmes etc. In addition, NCC has been actively involved in all ongoing programmes as are taken up by Government e.g. Swachh Bharat, Yoga etc.

There is no proposal under consideration with the Government in the Ministry of Defence to integrate the activities of NCC, Indian Scouts and Guides, Home Guards and Territorial Army in order to establish coordination between them for the national defence.

Suggestions have been received from various sources for making NCC Training compulsory for School & College students. However, it has not been found feasible in terms of requirement of infrastructure, manpower and resources.
