

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4917**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2023

**DEFENCE ACADEMY IN TRIBAL AREAS**

4917. SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH PATEL:  
SHRI DURGA DAS (D.D.) UIKEY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any scheme to start Defence academy in tribal areas is under consideration of the Government, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of the places where Defence academy is proposed to be started in Madhya Pradesh under Army recruitment campaign;
- (c) whether any such academy is proposed to be set up in Betul, Khargane and Barwani Parliamentary constituencies, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Government has any proposal to create Birsa Munda regiment in Army, if so, the details thereof?

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MINISTER OF STATE  
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(SHRI AJAY BHATT)

- (a) to (c): At present, there is no such proposal under consideration of the Government.
- (d): As per the Government policy on the subject, all citizens irrespective of their class, creed, region or religion are eligible for enrollment in Indian Army. After Independence, it has been the policy of the Government not to raise any new regiment for a particular class/community/religion or region.

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