

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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SAINIK SCHOOLS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of Sainik schools with intake capacity alongwith outlay approved and expenditure incurred thereon, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government have evaluated the performance of Sainik schools in the country;
- (c) if so, the details of achievements and shortcomings noticed by the Government;
- (d) the action plan formulated on the basis of proposals received from the respective State Governments in general and Maharashtra State in particular for upgrading, expanding and strengthening the Sainik schools network in the country; and
- (e) the perspective plan of action to strengthen the Sainik schools network in terms of defence requirement?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

- (a) All the 18 Sainik Schools run by the Ministry of Defence, with an annual average intake of about 70 cadets per school, are envisaged to be financially self-sustaining.
- (b) to (e): The general performance of the Sainik Schools in the country has been reasonably satisfactory. The number of successful cadets from the Schools entering the National Defence Academy (NDA) has been on the increase. The performance of the Sainik Schools, including Sainik School in Satara, Maharashtra, is constantly under review. As the Sainik Schools depend mainly on fees from cadets, grants-in-aid from the respective State Governments, and internal resource generation, their up-gradation, expansion and strengthening largely depend on the concerned State Government providing funds as per laid down norms for the Sainik Schools.