

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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RAISING OF ADDITIONAL BATTALIONS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether keeping in view the increasing role of army to counter insurgency duties, the Government has decided to raise additional battalions of army, particularly for posting along with the border;
- (b) if so, the number of battalions to be raised;
- (c) whether certain extra allowance will be paid to those posted for such duties; and
- (d) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): There is no proposal for raising additional battalions of the regular army. However, it is proposed to raise seven battalions of Territorial Army for deployment in the Northern Command in aid of army and other security forces in the J&K.

(c) & (d): Personnel of the army deployed in counter insurgency duties are entitled to a special allowance known as Special Compensatory (Counter Insurgency) Allowance (SCCIA). The allowance is in seven tiers ranging from Rs. 1000/- p.m. to Rs. 3700/- p.m. depending on the rank of personnel (Other Ranks to Lt. Colonel). The amount of allowance is in three grades determined by the hardship factor and intensity of operations in the area of deployment.