

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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OPENING OF SAINIK SCHOOLS IN NORTH EASTERN STATES

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of proposals for opening of Sainik Schools pending with the Government as on date, State-wise;
- (b) whether there is any proposal to open Sainik Schools in the North Eastern States including Sikkim;
- (c) if so, the details alongwith locations thereof; and?
- (d) the time by when these are likely to be opened?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) to (d): The proposal of the Government of Mizoram for the opening of a Sainik School in Mizoram is pending and is under examination in the Ministry of Defence. The Ministry of Defence has approved the opening of a Sainik School at Punglwa in Nagaland. So far as the proposal to open a Sainik School in Sikkim is concerned, on the request of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Sikkim, the detailed guidelines for the formulation of the proposal for the opening of a Sainik School have been forwarded to the State Government. However, the submission of the project proposal for the opening of a Sainik School in Sikkim is awaited.

The opening of Sainik Schools largely depends on the provision of infrastructure by the State Government and fulfillment of its share of financial obligations for running the School.