

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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CIVIL POPULATION IN CANTONMENTS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Cantonment Boards in the country and the total civil population residing therein;
- (b) whether the Government has received complaints of harassment from civil population;
- (c) if so, the steps taken to dispose of the complaints;
- (d) if not, whether there is any proposal to establish a permanent set-up to take care of the problems of civil population; and
- (e) if so, the time by which the same is likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

- (a) There are 62 Cantonment Boards in the country.Total population residing in these Cantonments as per 2001 Census is 21,02,663. Census figures do not indicate civil population separately.
- (b) to (e): The civil population residing in Cantonments do approach the Cantonment Boards if they have any problem regarding civic amenities. These may relate to issues like water supply, street lighting, blocking of drains, water logging, trimming/removal of dangerous trees, facilities provided in the Cantonment General Hospitals, etc. The Cantonment Boards redress these grievances with the resources available to them.