

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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COMPULSORY MILITARY TRAINING
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to make military training compulsory for the youths of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) No, Madam.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) Enough opportunities are available to the young men & women of the country to receive basic military training through NCC in schools and colleges, and subsequently through the Territorial Army. A fairly large number of civilians undergo military training as part of the Home Scouts, Home Guards, Central Public Organizations, Para Military Forces, Village Defence Committees etc. Thus, a considerably large trained/partially trained force already exists. The availability of a large population of ex-servicemen residing all across the country also adds to this force. Further, India has almost 60% of its population under 35 years of age and imparting military training for the entire able bodied youth population would translate into the need for the creation of enormous additional training infrastructure, training facilities, instructional staff, logistics and budget.