

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2794  
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ARMY SERVICE CORPS  
Azad Shri Kirti (Jha)

**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to re-locate Army Service Corps (North) centre from Gaya (Bihar) to Bangalore;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the reaction of the Bihar Government thereto?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Vide Government of India Order dated 3rd November, 2010, Army Service Corps (ASC) Centre (North) is being relocated from Gaya to Bangalore. This has been done for locating ASC Centre North with ASC Centre South at Bangalore for homogenous training and efficient monitoring. Further Officers Training Academy (OTA) is being set up at Gaya as the location has been found suitable. OTA will be a premier institute of national importance and a much larger organisation than ASC. Its staff strength, infrastructure, facilities and manpower would be on a larger scale than that of the ASC. OTA will provide far more employment opportunities in the region and would contribute more to the economy and the general security of the area.

(c) Chief Minister of Bihar has written to Raksha Mantri regarding the transfer of ASC Centre North from Gaya to Bangalore. He has been informed about the decision of Government which would protect the interests of the people of the region.