

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SHIFTING OF ARMY SERVICE CORPS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received representations to stop relocation of Army Service Corps (North) from Gaya to Bangalore;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam.

(c) 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.