

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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NCC TRAINING TO YOUTHS

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the existing strength of the National Cadet Corps (NCC) cadets in the country;
- (b) whether the Government has received representation from different quarters including the Parliamentarians for making NCC/military training mandatory for all the students in order to strengthen the NCC cadre in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof including the plans chalked out in this regard;
- (d) whether the practice of giving bonus marks to the NCC cadets in Civil Services Examinations has been withdrawn and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the measures proposed to be taken to provide incentives to the cadets in employment or otherwise in order to boost their morale and motivate the youths to join the defence services?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

- (a) The enrolled NCC cadet strength is 1241327 cadets.
- (b) & (c): Yes, Madam. NCC training is, however, entirely a voluntary programme and it is upto each school/college to opt for it. Making NCC/ military training mandatory for all the students is not at present under the consideration of the Government. Opportunities are already available to the young men and women of the country to receive basic military training through NCC in schools and colleges, and subsequently through the Territorial Army. A large number of civilians also undergo training under the various programmes of the Home Scouts, Home Guards, Central Police Organisations, Para Military Forces, Village Defence Committees etc.
- (d) The Ministry of Defence is not aware of the practice of giving bonus marks to the NCC cadets in Civil Services Examinations.
- (e) To NCC 'C' certificate holders, Government provides reservation in recruitment to the Armed Forces and a certain weightage of marks in Para Military Organisations. 64 vacancies in IMA, Dehradun, 100 vacancies in Officers Training Academy (OTA), Chennai, 12 vacancies in Naval Academy, Ezhimala and 10 vacancies in Air Force Academy, Dundigal are reserved per year for NCC 'C' Certificate holders. Further, for entry into OTA Chennai, Naval Academy, Ezhimala and Air Force Academy, Dundigal, NCC 'C' Certificate holders are exempt from the written examination. To motivate the cadets to join the Defence Services, the Government has taken various steps like conducting Group Discussions during various NCC Camps, identifying cadets with potential to pass SSB (Services Selection Board), increasing seats in SSB Coaching Capsules at Officers Training Academy (OTA), Kamptee, increasing frequency of courses run by OTA, Gwalior, and conducting Orientation Programmes on SSB Capsules for Associate NCC Officers (ANOs).