

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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FEE STRUCTURE IN SAINIK SCHOOLS  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has received representations from the parents of Sainik School students about the huge fee structure;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to revisit the fee structure; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (d): Yes, Madam. Such representations have been received.

Sainik Schools are primarily self-sustaining institutions. The State Governments are responsible for the creation/maintenance of physical infrastructure and meeting a portion of the recurring expenditure. A major portion of the recurring expenditure is met by the fees payable by the parents. The amount of the fee varies from school to school and depends also on contributions from the State Government.

The State Governments award scholarships on merit-cum-means basis to the boys of their respective States. Parents are reimbursed to the extent of the amount of that scholarship. Where the scholarship provided by the State Government is more, the parents stand to gain more.

Keeping in view the cost of living in general and the representations received from the parents, Government has recently taken the following steps to lessen the burden of fee on parents:-

- (i) The rate of Defence Scholarship has been increased from Rs.10,500/- to Rs. 32,000/- per annum per cadet.
- (ii) The Central Government Subsidy has been increased from Rs.10,000/- to Rs.16,000/- (approx) per annum per cadet.
- (iii) The Ministry of Defence provides 100% additionality of pay & allowances of the employees of Sainik Schools arising out of the implementation of the 6th Central Pay Commission.