

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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CIVIL POPULATION IN CANTONMENT
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the civil population in Cantonment areas has substantially increased over the years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, Cantonment-wise;
- (c) whether the local civilians are not getting adequate facilities due to increase in population in civil areas of the Cantonment and the areas of the Cantonments remaining the same;
- (d) if so, whether the Cantonment areas are proposed to be expanded in view of population increase; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

- (a) & (b): Total population residing in the 62 Cantonments as per 2001 Census is 21,02,663. Census figures do not indicate civil population separately. The population figures as per 2011 Census have not been received in respect of all the Cantonments.
- (c) There is no serious gap between the public aspirations for civic amenities and the actual amenities available in Cantonment areas. There is, however lot of scope for improving the civic infrastructure.
- (d) & (e): There is no proposal under consideration to expand the Cantonment areas.