

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SAINIK SCHOOLS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the State-wise number of existing Sainik schools in the country at present;
- (b) the State-wise number of Sainik schools proposed to be set up in the country during the Twelfth Plan;
- (c) whether standard of education in these schools has been reviewed;
- (d) if so, the details and outcome thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to better the performance of these Sainik schools in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) At present, there are twenty four Sainik Schools under the Ministry of Defence in the country. Their state-wise location is enclosed as Annexure-A.

(b) Sainik Schools are established on receipt of a request from a State Government agreeing to provide land alongwith funds for the creation and maintenance of basic infrastructure, equipment and facilities besides scholarships for the cadets of the states. A Memorandum of Agreement is required to be signed by the State Government to this effect.

As regards opening new Sainik Schools, proposals have been received from the State Governments of Orissa, Madhya Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh for setting up new Sainik Schools in Sambalpur, Sagar and Chittoor district respectively. After site inspection by officers of the Ministry, 'in principle' approval has been accorded for setting up new Sainik Schools in these States. The State Governments have been requested to transfer the land, build up basic infrastructure and sign Memorandums of Agreement.

(c) to (e): The Sainik Schools Society reviews the working and performance of Sainik Schools in respect of academic results and NDA intake as well as infrastructural facilities. There is an upward trend in respect of the academic as well as NDA results. In pursuance of the decisions taken during such Review meetings, following steps have been taken:-

(i) An elaborate programme of in service training to the teachers and administrative staff and competition oriented training to the cadets is being implemented with the assistance of experts from the Services and professional educational institutions / bodies like National University of Educational Planning and Administration (NUEPA) and National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT).

(ii) Service Selection Board (SSB) oriented training is also being provided to the cadets using professional resource personnel.

(iii) Principals of Sainik Schools are being deputed to empowerment programmes conducted by CBSE in collaboration with the Indian Institutes of Management and NUEPA.

(iv) The Ministry of Defence also provides training grant annually to each Sainik School with a view to upgrade training infrastructure and skills.