

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1655
ANSWERED ON:30.11.2009
OFFICERS TRAINING ACADEMY
Kashyap Shri Virender;Scindia Smt. Yashodhara Raje

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the number of cadets joining the various Military training academies including the National Defence Academy, Kharakwasla and Indian Military Academy, Dehradun has declined;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years and the current year and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to encourage the youths to join the Armed Forces including the proposals, if any, to set up new training academy in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) The number of cadets joining National Defence Academy, Khadakwasla and Indian Military Academy, Dehradun in 2009 has gone up as compared to 2008. In Officers Training Academy there has been a decline.

(b) Details for last three years and current year are as under:-

Year	National Defence Academy	Indian Military Academy	Officers Training Academy
------	--------------------------	-------------------------	---------------------------

Auth	Joined	Auth	Joined	Auth	Joined
------	--------	------	--------	------	--------

2006	390	429	1633	1489	700	575
------	-----	-----	------	------	-----	-----

2007	390	405	1633	1351	700	497
------	-----	-----	------	------	-----	-----

2008	390	370	1540	1159	700	407
------	-----	-----	------	------	-----	-----

2009	390	500	1540	1262	700	315
------	-----	-----	------	------	-----	-----

(c) Government has taken various steps to encourage the youths to join the Armed Forces. The details of the measures adopted are as follows:-

(i) Better pay package as part of 6th Pay Commission;

(ii) Making Short Service Commission (SSC) attractive through a slew of measures such as;

- (1) Grant of ex-servicemen status to all SSC Officers who have completed terms of service;
 - (2) Provision of Canteen Stores Department (CSD) facility to the SSC Officers.
 - (3) Provision of medical facility to all the SSC Officers after release under Employees Contributory Health Services (ECHS) scheme;
- (iii) The Army has also opened a number of professional training institutes under the Army Welfare Education Society, to offer quality professional education to Army children at affordable costs.
- (iv) A number of Image Projection campaigns have been launched by the Recruiting Directorate to attract quality youth to join the Army;
- (v) Enhanced physical interaction with target audience has been undertaken in which Officers from Recruiting Directorate and teams from Command Headquarters visit various Universities and Colleges. Publicity Compact Discs (CDs) on Army as a career have been prepared and projected to target audience through these teams. Moreover, National Cadet Corps (NCC) units and Recruiting organizations have also been incorporated to deliver motivational talks in educational institutions.
- (vi) A proposal to set up another Officers' Training Academy is under consideration of the Government.