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RECRUITMENT IN ARMY

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to open new army recruitment centres and training centres in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Uttar Pradesh;
- (c) whether there are frequent incidents of violence taking place in the recruitments;
- (d) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to check its recurrence?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b) As per the present system, recruitment of Other Ranks (ORs) in Army is carried out through Open Rally System and efforts are made to cover each district of the country by recruitment rallies at least once in a recruitment year. As the location of the recruitment centre has little bearing on the recruitment process, there is no proposal to open new recruitment centres. Further, no new training centres for recruits in Army is envisaged.

(c) to (e) Two stray incidents of violence have occurred due to overcrowding in recruitment rallies at Gaya (May, 2012) and Agra (July, 2012) leading to loss of life and property. A number of measures have been taken to obviate recurrence of such incidents. These include close coordination with civil administration for maintenance of law and order and adequate police cover during recruitment rallies; increasing the number of rallies to reduce crowding; development of automation of recruitment activities at rally site; continuous refining of recruitment procedure etc.