

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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CAREER IN ARMED FORCES

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) schools have been asked to expose the students to a career in the armed forces at the senior secondary classes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether two periods per week have been earmarked for the said subject by the CBSE; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR)

(a) and (b): The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has informed MHRD that in order to expose students to a career in the Armed Forces, the Board has introduced 'National Cadet Corps (NCC)', as an academic elective (Code No 076) which can be offered by the students of the CBSE affiliated schools as one of the four elective subjects and also as an additional elective subject at the senior secondary stage, in combination with any of the subjects that are already available in the Scheme of Studies of the Board. This elective at the senior secondary level will also include outdoor activities. Moreover, to create awareness regarding career in the defence services, the Board has also issued an advisory to the schools to expose students to the challenging and satisfying career possibilities in the Armed Forces under the General Foundation Course.

(c) and (d): There are 6 to 7 periods per week for NCC and two periods per week for General Studies/General Foundation Course.