

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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RESOURCES SHORTAGE IN CANTONMENT BOARDS  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether any shortage of resources like fire brigades, fogging machines, etc. has been reported in the cantonment boards in the country including Jabalpur;
- (b) if so, whether the cantonment boards have to depend on the local administration for such essential services;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (c): Eight (8) Cantonment Boards namely Delhi, Deolali, Ferozpur, Kasauli, Kirkee, Mhow, Pune and St. Thomas Mount cum Pallavaram maintain their own fire brigades. Jabalpur Cantonment Board has taken a fire tender on contract basis from Nagar Nigam Jabalpur. The remaining 53 Cantonment Boards depend on State Government or Local Military Authorities for fire brigade services. 42 Cantonment Boards including Jabalpur Cantonment Board maintain their own fogging / spraying machines. Due to cold weather 12 hill Cantonment Boards do not require fogging machines.

(d): The Cantonment Boards which do not have their own fire brigades and / or fogging machines and depend on State Government or Local Military Authorities for these services, have not reported any difficulty on this account.