

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:450

ANSWERED ON:24.04.2015

RASHTRIYA MILITARY AND SAINIK SCHOOLS

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the aims and objectives of Rashtriya Military Schools (RMSs) and Sainik Schools along with the criteria / guidelines laid down for opening of such schools in various States;

(b) whether the Government has reviewed the performance of these schools in terms of academic excellence, standard of education and students joining defence forces, if so, the details and the outcome thereof indicating the shortcomings noticed and the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to address these shortcomings;

(c) the assistance, financial and otherwise provided to RMSs / Sainik Schools during each of the last three years, State / UT-wise; and

(d) whether the Government has received proposals from various States for opening of new RMSs/ Sainik Schools in their States, if so, the State/ UT-wise details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 450 FOR ANSWER ON 24.04.2015

The aim of Rashtriya Military Schools (RMSs) is to impart quality education and to prepare the cadets to join the Defence Services. No Rashtriya Military School has been opened since 1962 after a decision was taken to open one Sainik School in each state. Hence, there are no laid down criteria/guidelines for opening of more Rashtriya Military Schools. The scheme to establish Sainik Schools was introduced in 1961 with the primary aim of preparing boys academically, physically and mentally for entry into the National Defence Academy. The main objectives of the scheme are to remove regional imbalance in the officer cadre of the defence services and bring public school education within the reach of the common man. Sainik Schools are established on receipt of a request from a State Government agreeing to provide land along with funds for the creation and maintenance of basic infrastructure, purchase of equipments and other facilities besides scholarships for the cadets belonging to the State.

The Performance review of the Rashtriya Military Schools and Sainik Schools is an ongoing process which is done by Director General Military Training in case of RMSs and Inspecting Officer Sainik Schools Society in case of Sainik Schools by way of carrying out inspections. Further, in order to improve performance, there are in-service training for teachers, workshops/conferences for Principals and other administrative staff, special coaching for NDA entrance examination, etc. The results both in the board examinations and NDA entrance examination have been satisfactory.

Rashtriya Military Schools are financed by the Central Government in terms of Annual Training Grant, Annual Library Grant, Sports Activity Grant, Incidental & Miscellaneous Grant, Information Technology Grant, Salary to the Staff and Annual Major Works Programme. Sainik Schools are a joint venture between the Central Government and State Government. In the case of Sainik Schools, the Central Government provides Scholarships, Training Grant, Grant-in-Aid for Infrastructure Development, NDA incentive to the Cadets, etc. The financial assistance provided by the Central Government to Rashtriya Military Schools and Sainik Schools during each of the last three years is placed at ANNEXURE-I.

The details of proposals received from various State Governments for opening of new Sainik Schools along with action taken by the Government is placed at ANNEXURE-II. No proposal for opening of Rashtriya Military Schools has been received from State Governments/UTs during the last ten years.